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THE Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati, one of the distinct state organizations which together constitute the General Society, was, like the General Society, organized in camp on the Hudson River in July 1783. The Society, composed of officers who had served for three years in the American army during the war of the Revolution, was organized upon an "Institution" which breathed a lofty spirit of patriotism, friendship and benevolence. Unfortunately for the Society, as it proved, the right of membership descended from the original members and officers in the line of eldest male descent. This regulation at once created a feeling of prejudice and opposition toward the Society throughout the country; a feeling which the French idea of liberty and equality so prevalent in the United States a few years later probably served to increase. It was believed that the Society was an attempt to establish a military aristocracy in the new republic. The opposition to it was so strong in Connecticut that the Society was refused an act of incorporation by the General Assembly in October 1803. This was the beginning of the end; for at its annual meeting on July 4 of the following year, 1804, the Society passed a formal vote of dissolution because of the strong prejudice against it. At the same meeting votes were passed that each member or his legal heirs should be entitled to receive his proportion of the funds of the Society, and that all moneys not paid to members by the 10th day of the following May should be placed in the treasury of Yale College in trust, to be paid over on application to the several persons entitled to receive them. A vote was also passed that all the books, papers and other documents of the Society be deposited in the hands of John Mix of Farmington, the then Secretary. Lieutenant John Mix died February 23, 1826, and on January 12, 1842, Egbert Cowles, the administrator on his estate, delivered these books of records, accompanying manuscript documents and printed pamphlets, to the Connecticut Historical Society, in whose custody they have since remained.

The records proper are contained in two small volumes; the earlier consisting of 168 pages of which three are blank, the other of 58 written pages followed by many blank pages. Together they form the volume here published, the reproduction being the exact size of the original pages.

Notwithstanding the vote of the Society at the time of its dissolution, that all of its records should remain in the hands of its late Secretary, John Mix, the Treasurer's book of Records accompanied the balance of the Society's funds when they were deposited with Yale College, and still remains in its custody. The College paid to former members or their heirs after receipt of the funds $2078.40; but since August 31, 1835, no further payments have been made. The sum now remaining is $1700.00, and the income derived from it is expended in the purchase of books for the University Library.

The publication of this volume of RECORDS and of the accompanying volume of PAPERS of the original Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati is due to the interest and generosity of Morgan Gardner Bulkeley of Hartford, sometime Governor of the State and United States Senator, and a member of the revived Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati in right of his great-grandfather Lieutenant-Colonel Eliphalet Bulkeley of Colchester, Connecticut. Senator Bulkeley, who for more than a score of years has been a valued member of the Connecticut Historical Society, and who with his brother the late General William Henry Bulkeley has previously presented the Society with one volume of its Collections, now presents to the Society these two volumes of Cincinnati Records and Papers.

A number of orations and a sermon delivered before the Society at its annual meetings were printed. With the exception of that of Colonel David Humphreys of 1789, which was probably paid for by himself, all were published at the request and the charge of the Society. As they form a part of its life and activities, a list of them is given below. The toasts given at some of the dinners were also printed; but no copies of any of these minor publications are now known.

An | Oration, | Delivered at the North Church in Hartford, | at the meeting of the | Connecticut Society | of the | Cincinnati, | July 4th, 1787. | In commemoration of the | Independence of the United States. | By Joel Barlow, Esquire. |

Hartford: | Printed by Hudson and Goodwin, near the Bridge. | [1787]

Small quarto, 20 pages.

Officially published.

An | Oration | on | The Political Situation of the United States | of America, in the Year 1789. | Pronounced before the State Society of the Cincinnati | of Connecticut, at New-Haven, in Celebration | of the Thirteenth Anniversary of Independence. | Published at the request of the Society. |

Octavo, pages 331-348.

In The Miscellaneous Works of Colonel [David] Humphreys. New York. M.DCC.XC.

An | Oration, | spoken before the Society of the | Cincinnati, | of the state of | Connecticut, | Met in Hartford, on the 4th of July, 1792. | By Theodore Dwight, Esquire. |

Printed at Hartford, | By Hudson and Goodwin. | MDCCXCII. |

Octavo, 18 pages.

Officially published.

An | Oration, | delivered before the Society of | Cincinnati, | Hartford, July 4, 1794. | By Elijah Waterman. | [Four lines of quotations.]

Printed at Hartford, | By Hudson and Goodwin. | MDCCXCIV. |

Octavo, 20 pages.

Officially published.

The true means of establishing public | happiness. | A | Sermon, | delivered | on the 7th of July, 1795, | before the | Connecticut Society | of | Cincinnati, | and published at their request. |

New-Haven: | Printed by T. & S. Green, and sold by I. Beers, | at his Book-Store. | [1795.]

Octavo, 40 pages.

By Rev. Timothy Dwight. Officially published in an edition of 300 copies.

An | Oration, | on | Party Spirit, | pronounced before the | Connecticut Society | of | Cincinnati, | convened at Hartford, for the | Celebration | of | American Independence, | on the | 4th of July, 1798. | By Thomas Day. |

Printed at Litchfield by T. Collier. | [1798]

Octavo, 28 pages.

Officially published in an edition of 300 copies.

An | Oration, | spoken at | Hartford, | in the State of | Connecticut, | on the | anniversary | of | American Independence, | July 4th, 1798. | By Theodore Dwight. |

Hartford: | Printed by Hudson and Goodwin. | 1798. |

Octavo, 31 pages.

The Society in June 1799 paid Hudson and Goodwin for printing 300 copies of Mr. Dwight's Oration.

An | Oration, | on the | Apparent, and the Real Polit- | ical Situation of the | United States, | pronounced | Before the Connecticut So- | ciety of | Cincinnati, | assembled, at New-Haven, for the celebra- | tion of | American Independence, | July the 4th, 1799. | By Zechariah Lewis, | a Tutor of Yale-College. |

New-Haven: | Printed by Thomas Green and Son. | 1799. |

Octavo, 27 pages.

Officially published in an edition of 300 copies.

Sun-Beams may be extracted from | Cucumbers, but the process is | tedious. | An | Oration, | pronounced | on the | Fourth of July, 1799. | At the request of the citizens of | New-Haven. | By David Daggett. |

New-Haven: | Printed by Thomas Green and Son. | 1799. | [Copy Right Secured.] |

Octavo, 28 pages.

Delivered before the Society at the request of the citizens of New Haven. The Society paid for printing 300 copies of it.

An | Oration, | delivered at New-Haven on the 7th of July, | A. D. 1801, | Before the Society of the Cincinnati, | for the State of Connecticut, As- | sembled to Celebrate the An- | niversary of | American Independence. | By Theodore Dwight. | [Three lines of quotation.]

Hartford: | Printed by Hudson and Goodwin. | 1801 |

Octavo, 43 pages.

Officially published in an edition of 300 copies.

An | Oration, | delivered at Hartford on the 6th of July, | A. D. 1802. | Before the Society of the Cincinnati, | for the State of Connecticut, | Assembled to celebrate the Anniversary of | American Independence. | By Benjamin Silliman. | [Three lines of quotation.]

Hartford: | Printed by Hudson and Goodwin. | 1802. |

Octavo, 34 pages.

Officially published in an edition of 300 copies.

An | Oration, | pronounced at | Hartford, | before the Society of the | Cincinnati, | for the State of Connecticut, | convened to celebrate the anniversary | of | American Independence, | July 4th, 1804. | By Junius Smith |

Hartford: | Printed by Hudson & Goodwin. | 1804. |

Octavo, 27 pages.

Officially published in an edition of 300 copies.

A | Valedictory Discourse, | delivered | before the Cincinnati of Connecticut, | In Hartford, July 4th, 1804, | at the | dissolution of the society. | By D. Humphreys, | late Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States | of America, at the Court of Madrid. | Published at the request of the Society. |

Boston, | Printed by Gilbert and Dean, No. 78, State-Street. | 1804. |

Octavo, 60 pages.

Officially published in an edition of 300 copies.

Colonel Humphreys at the annual meeting of July 1788 communicated to the Society his life of Major-General Putnam, for which the Society returned its thanks

and expressed the wish that it might be printed. It appeared in print during the year with the following title:

An | Essay | on the | Life | of the | Honorable Major-General | Israel Putnam: | Addressed to the State Society of the Cincinnati | in Connecticut. | By Col. David Humphreys. |

Hartford: | Printed by Hudson and Goodwin, | M.DCC.LXXXVIII. |

Duodecimo, 187 pages.

An oration delivered before the Society by James Gould at the annual meeting of July 1795 was requested for publication but apparently was not given. It was later issued with the following title:

An | Oration, | pronounced at Litchfield, | on the | Anniversary | of the | Independence | of the | United States of America, | in the year M,DCC,XCVIII. | By James Gould. |

[Litchfield] Printed by T. Collier. | [1798.]

Octavo, 32 pages.

"Most of the following pages were written in the year 1795, and pronounced, on the Anniversary of American Independence, before the Cincinnati of Connecticut, at New-Haven."

Steps were taken in 1890 to revive the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati, by sending to the meeting of the General Society held in Baltimore in May of that year, a delegation selected by a meeting of persons who had presumably the right to inherit membership. A petition asking that the Connecticut Society be restored was presented by the delegation. At the next triennial meeting of the General Society in 1893 the restoration of the Connecticut Society was voted as soon as it should comply with certain conditions relating to its finances. At the next following triennial meeting in 1896, the conditions having been complied with, the Connecticut Society was "recognized and the representatives thereof duly admitted as members" of the General Society. On July 4th of that year a meeting was held in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol at Hartford, a full complement of officers was elected, and the Connecticut Society became fully reorganized and restored.

A. C. B.

Records and Proceedings of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati. 1783.

Cantonment of the American Army
On the Hudsons River
10th May 1783

Proposals, for establishing a Society upon principles therein mentioned, whose Members shall be Officers of the American Army, having been communicated to the several regiments of the respective lines, they appointed an Officer from each, who, in conjunction with the General Officers, should take the same into consideration, at their meeting this Day, at which The Hon'ble Major General Baron de Steuben the senior Officer present, was pleased to preside.

The Proposals being read

read, fully considered, paragraph by paragraph, and the Amendments agreed to —

Major General Knox
B. General Huntington
B. General Hand — and
Captain Shaw,

were chosen to revise the same, and prepare a copy to be laid before this Assembly, at their next meeting, to be holden at Major General Baron Steuben's Quarters, on Tuesday the 13th instant.

Tuesday 13th May, 1783.

The representatives of the American Army being assembled, agreeably to adjournment, the plan for establishing a Society,

whereof

whereof the Officers of the Army are to be
Members, is accepted, and it is as follows —

Viz.ᵗ —

It having pleased the Supreme
Governor of the Universe, in the disposition
of human Events, to cause the seperation of the
Colonies of North America from the Dominion
of Great Britain; and after a bloody conflict of
Eight Years, to establish them free, Independ-
ent & sovereign States, connected by Alliances
founded on reciprocal advantages, with some
of the Great Princes & Powers of the Earth. —

So perpetuate the epoch, as well the re-
membrance of this vast Event as the mutual

friendships

friendships which have been formed under the pressure of common danger, and in many instances, cemented by the Blood of the parties, the Officers of the American Army do hereby in the most solemn manner, associate, constitute and combine themselves into one Society of Friends — to endure as long as they shall endure, or any of their eldest male posterity, and in failure thereof, the collateral branches who may be judged worthy of becoming its supporters & members —

The Officers of the American Army, having generally been taken from the Citizens of America, possess high veneration for the character of that illustrious Roman, Lucius Quintius Cincinnatus, and being resolved

to follow

to follow his example by returning to their citizenship, they think they may with propriety denominate themselves the Society of the Cincinnati. —

The following principles shall be immutable, and form the Basis of the Society of the Cincinnati. —

An incessant attention to preserve inviolate those exalted rights and liberties of human nature, for which they have fought & bled; and without which, the high rank of a rational being is a curse instead of a Blessing. — —

An unalterable determi-

nation

to promote & cherish, between the respective States, that Union & national Honor, so essentially necessary to their happiness, and the future Dignity of the American Empire.—

To render permanent the cordial affection subsisting among the Officers.— This spirit will dictate brotherly kindness in all things, and particularly extend to the most substantial acts of Beneficence, according to the ability of the Society, towards those Officers and their families, who unfortunately may be under the necessity of receiving it.—

The general Society will, for the sake of frequent communications, be divided into State Societies; and these again into such Districts as shall be directed by the State Societies.—

The

The societies of the Districts to meet as often as shall be agreed upon by the State societies. — Those of the State on the fourth Tuesday in July annually, or oftener if they shall find it expedient; and the General society on the first Monday in May, annually, so long as they shall deem necessary; and afterwards at least once in every three years. — At each meeting, the principles of the institution will be fully considered, and the best measures to promote them adopted. —

The State societies will consist of all the Members residing in each State respectively. And any Member removing from one State to another, is to be considered, in all respects, as belonging to the Society of the State in which he shall actually reside. — —

The State

The State Societies to have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, to be chosen annually by a Majority of Votes, at the State Meetings.

Each State Meeting shall write, annually, or oftner if necessary, a circular Letter to the other State Societies; noting whatever they may think worthy of Observation, respecting the Good of the Society or the general Union of the States, and giving Information of the Officers chosen for the current Year. Copies of these Letters shall be regularly transmitted to the Secretary General of the Society, who will record them in a Book to be assigned for that purpose.

The State Society will regulate every thing respecting itself, and the Societies of its

of its district, consistent with the general maxims of the Cincinnati:— judge of the qualifications of the Members who may be proposed, and expel any member, who, by a conduct inconsistent with a Gentleman and a Man of Honor, or by an opposition to the Interests of the Community in general, or the Society in particular, may render himself unworthy to continue a member. — —

In order to form a fund, which may be respectable, and assist the unfortunate, each Officer shall deliver to the Treasurer of the State Society five Months pay, which shall remain forever to the use of the State Society;— the Interest only of which, if necessary, to be appropriated to the relief of the unfortunate. — —

Donations may

[illegible] persons not
[illegible] and by members of the Society,
[illegible] for the express purpose of forming permanent
[illegible] for the use of the State Society and the re-
[illegible] donations appropriated in the
same manner as that of the Monthly Payments

[illegible] at the pleasure of each
[illegible] may be subscribed in the Societies of
[illegible] districts, or the State Societies for the re-
[illegible] unprovided Members, or their
[illegible] or Orphans, to be appropriated by
[illegible] Society only.

The Meeting of the General Society
shall consist of its Officers, & a representation
from each State Society, in number not exceed-
ing five, whose Expences shall be born by their

respective

... State societies. —

... the General Meeting the first Comm. ... Secretary Assistant Secretary Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer Generals shall be chosen to serve until the next Meeting —

... Circular letters which shall be written to the respective State Societies to call ... ther, and their particular laws, shall be read & considered, & all measures concerning ... which may conduce to the general ... tendment of the Society —

... It is probable that some persons may make Donations to the general society, for the purpose of establishing a fund for the further comfort of the unfortunate in which case such Donations shall be placed in the Hands of the

of the Treasurer General, the Interest only of which to be disposed of, if necessary, by the General Meeting ---

All the officers of the American Army, as well those who have resigned with honor, after three Years Service in the Capacity of Officers, as who have been deranged by the Resolutions of Congress, upon the several Reforms of the Army, as those who shall have continued to the End of the War have the right to become Members to this Institution, Provided that they subscribe one Months pay & sign their Names to the general rules in the respective State Societies; — those who are present with the Army immediately, and others within six Months after the

Army

it will at all times be open to the resp[ect]
[illegible] State, eminent for their virtues and
[illegible] patriotism, whose views may be directed
to the same laudable object with those of the
Society, it shall be a rule to admit such
persons as honorary Members of the Society,
[illegible] Provided always,
that the number of honorary Members of
the Society from any State does not exceed a ratio
of one to four of the Fellows or their descendents
from that State which shall obtain a seat
in the Meetings, and at the first annual Meeting
after the State shall have entitled
itself, by increase, to two votes of the Institution,
where such Member, present shall sign
the Statutes shall endeavour to procure

the

Signature of every absent Member. One of those lists to be transmitted to the Secretary General to be kept in the Archives of the Society, and the other to remain in the hands of the State Secretary. —

From the State lists the Secretary General must make out at the first General Meeting, a compleat List of the whole Society, with a Copy of which he will furnish each State Secretary. —

The Society shall have an Order by which its Members shall be known, and distinguished: — which shall be a Medal of Gold, of a proper size to receive the Emblems, and surrounded by a deep blue riband two inches

wide

wr. & coaded with white, ribbon, in the Union of America & France.—

The principal figure, Cincinatus—
the Senator, decorating him with
a sword and other military Insigns—
in a Bed in the back ground, his Wife,
standing at the door of their cottage,
near it a plough & instruments of Husbandry — round the whole,
Omnia reducit servare Respublicam.

— on the reverse
a Victoria — a Gate with three Gates
and Keys entering the Fort — Fame
crowning Cincinnatus with a
Wreath inscribed Virtuti Dominum
— Victor —

Hands joined, supporting a Head,
with the motto — Esto perpetua —
— round the whole,
Societas Cincinnatorum, instituta A.D. 1783. —

The Society deeply impressed with a sense of the generous assistance this Country has received from France, and desirous of perpetuating the friendships which have been formed, and so happily subsisted between the Officers of the Allied Forces, in the prosecution of the War, direct, that the President General transmit, as soon as may be, to each of the Characters here-

after

hereafter named, a Medal commemorating
the Order of the Society —

His Exc.y The Chevalier de la Luzerne, Minister Plenipo.
His Exc.y The Chevalier Gerard late Minister Plenipo.

Their Excellencies

The Count de Estaing
The Count de Grasse
The Count de Barras
The Chevalier Des Touches
Admirals Commanding in the Navy

Their Exc.ies The Count de Rochambeau
Commanding in Chief — and
The Generals & Colonels in his Army —

and acquainting them, that the Society do them
Selves the Honor to consider them Members —

That the Members of the Society, at the time of subscribing their Names to the Institution do also sign a Draft on the Pay Master General, in the following terms,— The Regiments to do it Regimentally, and the Generals and other Officers not belonging to Regiments, each for himself individually,— Viz.

To John Pierce Esq. Pay Mr. Genl. of the Army of the United States

Please to pay to ——— or Order, One Months pay of our respective Grades respectively, and Deduct the same from the Ballance which shall be found due to us on the final liquidation of our Accounts;— for which this shall be your Warrant

That the Members of the several State Societies assembled, as soon as may be, for the choice of their President & other Officers, and that the Presidents so chosen, together, appoint a Meeting of the Officers who may be chosen for each State, in order to pursue such further measures as may be judged necessary. —

That the General Officers and the Officers delegated to represent the several Corps of the Army, subscribe to the Institution of the General Society, for the members & their constituents, in the Manner & form before prescribed.

That

General Heath

General Baron de Steuben

General Knox

be a Committee, to wait on His Excellency the Commander in Chief with a Copy of the Institution, and request him to honor the Society, by placeing his Name at the Head of it —

That Major Gen[l] Heath, second in Command in this Army, be & he hereby is desired to transmit Copies of the Institution, with the proceedings thereon, to the Commanding Officer of the Southern Army, the senior Officer in each State from Pennsylvania to Georgia inclusive, and to the Commanding Officer of the Rhode Island Line; requesting them to communicate the same to the Officers under their several

Commands

command, and to take such measures as may appear to them necessary, for expediting the Establishment of their State Societies, and sending a Delegation to represent them in the first General Meeting to be holden on the first Monday in May 1784.

The Meeting then adjourned without Day

/ Signed / Steuben

Maj: Gen: & President

A True Copy from the Original

Attest

J Trumbull Asst Secy

to the Connecticut State Society

Cantonment of the American Army
19th June 1783

At a meeting of the Field Officers and the Gentlemen delegated by the respective Regiments as a Convention for establishing the Society of the Cincinnati, held by request of the President, at which were present —

Major General Baron Steuben, President

Major Genl Howe
Maj. Genl Knox
B. Genl. Paterson
B. Genl Hand
B. Genl Huntington
B. Genl. Putnam
Colo. S. B. Webb
Colo Cortlandt
Lieut Colo Huntington
Major Pettingal
Lieut. Whiting
Colo. H. Jackson
Capt. Shaw
Lieut Colo Hull
Lieut Colo. Maxwell

Baron Steuben acquainted the convention that he had, agreeably to their request at the last meeting, transmitted to His Ex.y The Cheval.r de la Luzerne, Minister Plenip.y from the Court of France a Copy of the Institution of the Society of the Cincinnati with their Vote respecting His Ex.y & the other Characters therein mentioned; and that His Excell.y had returned an Answer, declaring his acceptance of the same, and expressing the grateful Sense he entertains of the Honor conferred on himself and the other Gentlemen of the French Nation, by this act of the Convention - - -

Resolved - That the Letter of the Cheval.r de la Luzerne be recorded in the proceedings of this Day, and deposited in the Archives of the Society, as a Testimony of the high sense this Convention entertain of the Honor done to the Society, by his becoming a Member thereof.

The

The Letter is as follows — Viz^t —

Philadelphia 3 June 1783

Sir "I have received with much Gratitude the Institution of the respectable Order, which the Officers of the American Army have formed, — of Courage, Patience & all the Virtues which this brave Army have so often displayed, in the Course of the War, could ever be forgotten, this Monument alone would recall them — —

I dare assure you Sir that all the Officers of my Nation, whom you have been pleased to admit into your Society, will be infinitely honored by it — I pray you to be persuaded, that for my own part, I entertain a most lively Sense of the Honor, which the Officers of the Army have done me, in desiring

to think

to think of me on this occasion ———

I expect as soon as the definitive treaty arrives, to pay my respects to His Ex.y Gen.l Washington, when I shall have the honor personally to assure the Sentimens of my respectfull Gratitude ——— I write with great eagerness, this occasion of renewing to you the sentiments of the most perfect & respectfull attachment with which I have the honor to be

Your most humble and
most obedient Servant
Le Chevalr De la Luzerne

To the Baron
de Steuben —
Maj.r Gen.l in the Service of the U. States —
Head Quarters —

The Baron having also communicated

a Letter from Major L'Enfant, enclosing a Design for the Medal & Order, containing the Emblems of the Institution

Resolved — That the Bald Eagle, carrying the Emblems on its Breast be established as the Order of the Society: — And that the Ideas of Major L'Enfant, respecting it, & the Manner of its being worn by the Members, as expressed in his Letter hereunto annexed, be adopted: — That the Order be of the same size, and in every other respect conformable to the said design, which for that purpose is certified by the Baron Steuben President of this Convention, and to be deposited in the Archives of the Society, as the Original, from which all Copies are to be made. — Also, that Silver Medals, not exceeding the size of a Spanish Milled Dollar, with the Emblems as designed by Major L'Enfant, & certified by the

the Accident be given to each and every Member of the Society, together with a Diploma or parchment whereon shall be impressed the exact figures of the Order and Medal as above mentioned; and any thing in the original Institution respecting Gold Medals to be construed notwithstanding &c. —

Copies of Major Jackson's letter —

the Original written in review —

Philadelphia 10th June 1783

Dear Genl

Immediately on receiving your letter of the 20th of May, which I met with by accident, at the post office on the 7th instant, I set myself about the plan of the Medal — I send you the Design with both faces, which I have made large, that you may better judge of them. — In the execution, they may be reduced to a convenient size, which, on account of the precision required in the Design, ought not to be less than a Dollar, the subject being too complex to admit it's being properly

properly detailed in a smaller compass ——

I have not complied with your desire in making it Oval, as such a form is not proper for a Medal; —— besides it can be done in the Execution, should the Idea be persisted in, of having the Order in that form, —— to which however, I think any other preferable. I also believe & hope that you will be persuaded of this, and endeavour to convince the Gentlemen of it, who compose the Committee for forming the Institution, and to whom I beg you to communicate the following Observations ——

A Medal, whether round or Oval, is considered in the different States of Europe only as a reward to the Labourer and to the Artist, or as a Sign of a manufacturing Society: —— besides, the abusive Custom prevailing, particularly in Germany & Italy, of sending to France, Mountebanks, Dancers & Musicians, ornamented in this Manner, renders it necessary to distinguish this Order, by a Form, which shall be peculiar to itself, and which will

answer the two-fold purpose of honoring those invested with it, and making itself respected for its simplicity, by such as shall not be in a situation to minutely examine its different parts. Not that I suppose one form or another will change the opinion of a Republican people accustomed to think, — I only say that, in an institution of this sort, the main design should be to render it respectable to every body; and that it is only in appealing to the senses, that you can engage the attention of the common people, who however certain habitual prejudices which cannot be destroyed — — A Gentlemen already invested with any European Order, would be unwilling to carry a Medal: — but if, flattered by receiving a mark of distinction from a respectable Society, he should do it, the manner of it would by no means increase the Value of the Order — On the contrary, giving it a new & particular form, would be adding a recommendation to its real Value, and engage those invested with it, to wear it in the same

Manner as their other Military Orders; which is the surest means of putting it at once on a footing with them.—

The Bald Eagle, which is peculiar to this Continent, & is distinguished from those of other Climates by its White Head & Tail, appears to me to deserve attention.— I send you two Essays which I have made, and desire one of them may be adopted instead of the Medal.— In one I make the Eagle, supporting a Star with thirteen points, in the Centre of which is the figure of the Medal, with its inscriptions, as well in front as on the reverse.— A Legend might be added in the Claws and round the Neck of the Eagle, with a particular inscription, or the Contour of the Medal trained round there.— In the other I have made the Eagle simply, supporting on its Breast the figure of the Medal, with a Legend in its Claws, and about the Neck, which drapes behind & sustains the reverse.— I would prefer the latter, as it

does not

resemble any other Order, and bears a distinct character;— nor will it be expensive in its Execution.— The first device, altho more complex, would not be so dear as people might imagine, especially if the Execution of it should be committed to skilfull persons, which would not be the case, any more than with the Medal, but by sending it to Europe, where it would not take up much time, nor be so expensive, as to hurt the Execution of it here, to Workmen not well acquainted with the Business.—

A Medal is a Monument to be transmitted to posterity, and consequently it is necessary, that it be executed to the highest degree of perfection possible, in the Age in which it is struck. To strike a Medal well is a matter that requires practice & a good Die; and as there is not here, either a Press proper for this Work, nor people who can make a good Die, I would willingly undertake to recommend the Execution of the Medal, the Eagle, or the Order, to such persons in Paris, as are capable

capable of executing it to perfection — In proposing to change the Oval Medal into an Eagle on which should be impressed the Medal, I do not pretend to say Medals cannot be made; — on the contrary, my Idea is, that Silver Medals should be struck, at the common Expence of the Society, and distributed to each Member, as an Appendage to a Diploma or Parchment, whereon it would be proper to stamp the figure of the Medal, the Eagle or the Star, in its full Dimensions, enjoining on the Members to conform to it; tho leaving them the liberty, provided it be at their own Expence, of having it made of such Metal and as small as they please, without altering any of its Emblems

It seems to me, by no means proper, that honorary Members should wear the Order in the same Manner as the original Members — It would therefore be necessary that they should wear the Medal, the Star, or the Eagle round their Necks; and the Original Members at the third Button Hole

These remarks I beg you my General, to have translated & submitted to the Gentlemen concerned, & I shall be obliged to you to let me know the Issue of this Letter, and their decision upon it. —

I have the Honor to be &c.

Le Infante "

N.B. The Head & Tail of the Eagle should be Silver or enameled in White the Body & Wings Gold — the Medal on its Breast & Back enamelled in the same Colour as the Legend Sprigs of Laurel & Oak might be added in the Wings, and enamelled in Green — The Star should be pointed in Gold — or enamelled in Blue & White. Those who would be at the Expence might instead of white have Diamonds — The Ribbon, as is customary in all Orders, should be watered — "

Resolved, That the Thanks of this Convention, be transmitted by the President, to Major de l'Infante, for his Care & Ingenuity in preparing the aforementioned Designs: and that he

& acquaintee, they cheerfully embrace his offers
(assistance); and request a continuance of his
attention in carrying the designs into Execution.
for which purpose, the President is desired to cor-
respond with him" —

Resolved — That His Excellency
the Commander in Chief, be requested to officiate as
President General until the first General Meeting
to be held in May next — That a Treasurer Gen.l
and a Secretary General be Balloted for, to officiate
in like manner —

The Ballots being taken —

Major General McDonald, was elected Treasurer,
Major General Knox Secretary General —
who are hereby requested to accept of
Appointments — Resolved — That all the

proceedings

proceedings of this convention including the Constitution, be recorded from the Original papers in his possession by Captain Shaw who, at the first Meeting, was requested to act as Secretary — and that the same, signed by the President & Secretary, together with the Original papers, be given into the Hands of Major Gen.l Knox, Secretary Gen.l to the Society; — and that Capt.n North, late de Camp to Baron Steuben and acting Secretary to him as President, sign the said Records —

The Depolution of a very considerable Part of the Army since the last Meeting of this Convention, having rendered the Attendance of some of its Members impracticable, and the necessity of some temporary arrangements, previous to the first Meeting of the Gen.l Society, being so strikingly obvious, the Convention found itself constrained to make that before mentioned; — which they have done with the

utmost

utmost diffidence of themselves, and depending entirely on the candor of their Constituents to make allowance for the Measure.

The principal Objects of this appointment being thus accomplished, the Members of this Convention think fit to dissolve the same, and it is hereby dissolved accordingly.

Steuben
Major Gen.l & Presid.t

Wm. North Aide de Camp &
Secretary to the Presid.t

S. Shaw
Cap.t Artillery
Secry. to the Convention

A True Copy

Trumbull Sec.y
to the Connecticut Society

The following Gentlemen are Nominated to be Officers

Brig. Gen. Huntington	Lieut. Col. Hubbard
Lieut. Col. Zebulon Butler	Lieut. Col. Abbeus Loomis
Major Gen. Wadsworth	Lieut. Col. Wm. Heaney
Major in the 9th Regt.	Lieut. Col. Reuben Anderson
Captain Edward Giles	Lieut. Col. Wm. Hains
Capt. Edward Bulkley	Ensign George Cotton
Capt. Jonathan Hart	Ensign Wm. Hamersley
Capt. John M. Buell	Lieut. Col. Charles Denning
Rev. John Elliot	Ensign Silas Cornish
Surgeon John Noyes	Lieut. Col. Wales
Capt. Elias Mitchell	Justus Storrs Brig. Maj.
Capt. Samuel Cleft	Ensign Joshua Knapp
Capt. David Judson	Lieut. Col. Chad Hosler
Lieut. Charles Miller	Capt. Edward Burbank
Lieut. Silas Goodel	Lieut. Col. Jonathan Trumbull
Lieut. Pownal Demming	Lieut. Col. David Humphreys

John Pierce Major	Lieut Silas Curtis
Hez Wetmore Capt	Lieut Sam[l] de D Forest
Cole Leman Capt	Lieut James Bennet
Lieut Colo Jon[a] Johnson	Lieut Isaiah Tiffany
Major David Smith	Lieut John White
Capt Wm Richards	Ensign John Heart
Capt Sam[l] Comstock	Ens[n] John Cleveland
Capt Theophi: Morrison	Ens[n] Solomon Pinto
Capt Stephen Potter	Ens[n] Joel Smith
Capt Josiah Chapman	Ens[n] Joseph Rogers
Capt Timothy Taylor	John Simpson Surgeon
Capt Peter Robertson	(Delaware
Capt Wm Cortlax	Joseph Higgins Mate
Capt Ephraim Kimberly	Lieut Peter Woodward
Lieut James Lord	Capt Lieut Isaiah Thompson
Lieut John Mansfield	Lieut in Col: Troop
Lieut Cornelius Tuttle	Lieut R Peck
Lieut Nehemi: Gorham	Major Wm Cliff
Lieut Henry Dagget	Major The[s] Woodbridge
Lieut John Sherman	Capt Wm Judd

Lieut Sam[l] Gibbs	Lieut Isaac Decker
* Lieut Talmage Hall	Lieut Wm Linn
Cole Sam[l] B. Webb	Lieut Dan[l] Bradley
* Lieut Cole C. Gray	Lieut Silvia Whitney
Major Jos. A. Wright	Lieut Sam[l] Hatch
Capt Stephen Betts	Sub[n] Joseph Clark
* Capt Isaac Eidon	Ens[n] Abner Coit
Capt Ezekiel Sydenham	Ens[n] Isaac Harmon
Capt Silvia Hopkins	Ens[n] Jacob Kingsbury
* Capt Roger Welles	Ens[n] Aaron Keeler
Capt David Bonance	* Surgeon John Rose
Capt Rich[d] Douglass	Surgeon M. B. Munson
Capt Eliz. Rogers	Rev[d] A. Baldwin
Lieut Nathan Keeler	Lieut Wm Beaumont
Lieut John Mix	Lieut Homer Surgeon
Lieut Benjamin	* Brig[r] Gen[l] S. Parsons
Lieut John Meigs	Cole Isaac Sherman
* Lieut Jn[o] Trowbridge	* Major Eli Leavenworth
Lieut Jn[o] Hobart	Lieut James Hunted
* Lieut Hez[h] Rothingham	Cole Return Meigs

*	Lieut Colo John Sumner	Timo Dillyn Capt
	Lieut Majr Gregory	Lieut Philemon Hall
	Lieut Calvin Stubbel	Lieut Ralph Pomroy
	Capt Thad Weed	Capt Abijah Savage
	Lieut Elias Robinson	Lieut Simeon Belding
	Lieut Colo Com. Tho Gouvenor	* Lieut Nathan H. Whiting
*	Capt E Humphrys	Capt Simon Balding
	Colo Samel Pyllys	Major Abner Prior
	Capt Ephm Chamberlain	Lieut Simon Avery
	Lieut Thomas Farmer	Lieut Samel Richards
	Asahel Hodge Capt	Capt Lieut Peleg Heath
*	Noah Coleman Surgeon	Lieut Robert Dillyn
	John R Wathous — Do —	Capt Seth Pelps
*	Thomas Skinner — Do —	Lieut Martin Denslow
	Capt John Durkee —	* Lieut Prentice Hosmer
*	Major Amos Walbridge	* Capt Nehemh Rice
	Capt Thomas Converse	Capt David Strong
	Capt James Morris	Lieut Ebr Tanner
*	Capt Stephen Billings	Lieut Tho Anderson.

Capt. Sam[l] & W[m] Williams

Lieu[t] Col[o] David F. Lillie

Capt. John Barnard

Capt. John Riley

F. Mather, Surgeon

Capt. Thomas Wooster

Capt. Silas Cook

Major Robert Warner

Capt. David Starr

Capt. Jesse Grant

Lieut. Jos. Kaylor

Col[o] Josiah Starr

Lieu[t] David Beech

Mr. Wm Nichols

Col[o] Alex. Holdridge

Capt. Jos. Fox / Major

Mr. Amos Hall — in Right of his Father / Dec[d]

Capt. Simeon Newell

Lieut. Asa Lyon

Lieu[t] Wm Fenthaw

Lieut. John Ball

Lieut. Ezra Smith

Lieu[t] Reuben Pride

Capt. And[w] Fitch

Major Dan[l] Putnam

Lieut. Nath[l] Bishop

Rev[d] Wm Plumb

Doctor Riley Turner

Lieut. Thomas Starr

Maj[r] Albert Chapman

Capt. Erastus Wolcott

Lt. Eyal Tanner

Capt. Jonas Prentice

Ens[n] Elihu Lyman

Capt. Aron Stephens

Lt. Chas Hopkins

Mr. Joseph Whiting

Capt. Caleb Bull Dec[d]

Capt. Mr. Cleaveland

Capt. James Hyde

Capt Ezek Perkins
Lieu Benj Curtiss
Major Roger Alden
Cole Elisha Sheldon
Cole John Jameson
Maj Benj Tallmadge
Capt Elijah Wadsworth
Capt David Edgar
Lt Elijah Janes
Lt James Dole
Lt Horace Seymour
Lt Ped & J. Whiting
Lt Joshua King
Lt Aaron Rhea
Lt Gideon Hawley
Lt Aaron Bull
Lt Wm Pike
Lt Lidiah Rogers
Capt Jeremias Hoagland
Capt Wm Stanton
Lieut John Wells
Capt Wm Munson
Lt Josiah Mead

Capt John Welch
Lt Ephm Kirby
Mr Beardsley in right of his Father D. Ebr Beardsley
Mr Reuben Ells in right of his Father Capt Edward Ells dec.
Mr Samd Frothingham in right of his Brother Lt Ebr Frothingham dec.
Mr John Trowbridge in right of his Father Lieu John Trowbridge
Mr Samuel De Forest in right of his Father Lieu Samd De Forest
Stephen Titus Hosmer Esqr in right of his Uncle Lieut Prentis Hosmer
Mr Porter Waldbridge in right of his Father May Amos Waldbridge.
Mr Asa Holdridge in right of his father Coln Hezh Holdridge decd July 4th 1799
Mr Ulysses Selden in right of his father Capt Ezra Selden decd July 4th 1799.
Mr Evelyn Hart in Right of his father Majr Jonathan Hart decd July 1801
Ensn James M. Scott, Massach. Line

Camp at West Point July 6th 83

Agreeably to the Recommendations contained in the Gen.l Institution, for forming the several State Societies, the Ballots of the Members being called for, received, & counted, the following Gentlemen were chosen, & declared to be Officers of the Society for the Year ensuing —

Brig.r General Ed.d Hunting.n President

Col.o Remsen 1st Vice President

Gen.l Van Cortlandt 2d Vice President

Lieut.t Col.o Ed.d Hunting.n Secretary

Lieut.t Col.o Ed.d Hunting.n Treasurer

Major David Smith Assist.t Treasurer

At a Meeting of the Members of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati, held by particular Notice, at Hartford, on the 17th Day of March 1784 — at which the following Members gave their attendance, Viz.

Brig. Gen. Huntington	Captain Wells
Colo. Butler	Lieut. Meigs
Lieut. Colo. Huntington	Lieut. Nothingham
Brig. Gen. Parsons	Lieut. Mix
Brig. Gen. Capt. Pat. Tallmadge	Lieut. Colo. Humphreys
Major Bulkeley	Major Woodbridge
Captain Hart.	Lieut. Colo. Trumbull
Doctor Noyes	Capt. Wadsworth
Captain Ludlow	Lieut. Seymour
Brig. Gen. Heman Swift	Lieut. Bull
Major Smith	Capt. John Webb
Major Wright	Colo. Sherman

Lieut Elmsted	Captain Wooles
Capt Donaree	Captain Cook
Colo Carr	Lieut Pratt — Pennsylva
Lieut Beach	Captain Clift
Lieut Whiting	Captain Savage
Captain Fox	Captain Grant
Colo Meigs	Doctor Rosman
Lieut Dimmy	Captain Judd
Lieut Anderson	Lieut Richards
Captain Williams	Capt Lieut Heath
Lieut Colo Hill	Lieut Miller
Captain Parnal	Lieut Farmer
Captain Riley	Lieut Hamer
Doctor Mather	Lieut Taylor
Lieut Mansfield	Lieut Tyrrell
Mr Nichols	Lieu Wm Barlow (Majr)
Mr Amos Hall	

The general Institution, with the proceedings previous & subsequent thereto, were introduced & read:— as were also, a Letter from His Excellency General Washington, appointing the place of meeting for the general Society in May next, and a Letter from the State Society of Delaware

On Motion — Genl Smith, Lieut Colo. Humphreys & Colo Meigs, were appointed a committee to hear & examine the claims of such Gentlemen as propose to become Members at this present Meeting.—

On Report of the above Committee, accepted by the Society, Captain Newell is admitted to sign the general Institution.—

On Application, by Letter, from Lieut Moses Cleaveland and Captain Webb, those Gentlemen not

being able to attend this Meeting, the Committee report that the Door be open for them to sign till the next annual Meeting — accepted by the Society —

An Application made by Mr Moses Hall, second Son of Capt Stephen Hall (dec'd), the elder Brother relinquishing his Birthright, the Committee report his Admission as a Member, and the same is accepted by the Society, on Consideration of the particular Circumstances — the relinquishment of the eldest Son, being produced to this Meeting, is ordered to be placed on the Records — and is in the Words following Viz. —

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Guilford 15th March 1784 —

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Gentlemen

These may certify, that

" I Stephen Hall, the eldest Son of Captain
" Stephen Hall deceased do quit, for me and
" my Heirs, the right and priveleges I am
" intituled to as a Member of the Cincinnati,
" as from the Institution of that Society — re-
" signing it to my eldest Brother Amos Hall,
" to him & his Heirs forever —

Certified by Stephen Hall

" In presence of
" Ephraim Hall —

" To the Hon^ble Society of the Cincin-
nati of Connecticut " — —

Voted — a Delegation to attend the
Meeting of the General Society in May next
to consist of five Members, to be chosen by
Ballot

Ballot, two of whom to be appointed at the Expense of the State Society —

Voted — That a Sum of two Dollars be paid on each of the Members of the State Society, to defray the Expences of the above Declaration, and the other Contingencies of the Society; to be, with into the Hands of the Treasurer by the 15th May Next

And for the convenience of Collection, Capt Williams of the County of Hartford, Lieut Beers for the County of New Haven, Col Sherman for the County of Windham, and Major Cometock for the County of Fairfield, are appointed, in addition to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, to receive the Lists of the several Members in their respective Districts, and to transmit the same to the

Treasurer - -

The Ballots being taken and counted for Delegates to attend the Meeting of the General Society in May next, Major General Parsons, Maj. Gen.l Huntington & Gen.l Swift, Colo Trumbull & Colo Humphreys, were chosen -

Voted - That Major Wyllys for Hartford County, Colo Sherman for Newhaven County, Colo Grosvenor for Windham County, Colo Huntington for New London County, Majr Smith for Litchfield County, and Major Lieut Walker, for Fairfield County, be a Committee to hear & receive the Claims of such Gentlemen as wish to become Members of this Society - and

report to

report to the next Annual Meeting.

Voted That the Gentlemen chosen as Delegates to attend the Meeting of the Soc. in May next, together with Lieut Governor, Col. Sherman, Mr Barlow, Capt Judd & Col Wyllys, be a Committee to prepare & report a Code of Bye Laws, to be laid before the Society at their Annual Meeting in July next — subject to their Discussion, revision & Acceptance.

Voted That the President of this Society be desired to transmit as soon as may be to His Excellency Governor Trumbull a Medal, containing the Seal of the Society, and acquainting him that the Society

Society does itself the Honor to consider him as a Member —

The 4th of July happening this Year on a Sunday — Voted — That the Annual Meeting of the Society be holden on the 7th to be convened at Hartford on said Day and that Notice be given accordingly —

A true Record

Attest Jon.a Trumbull Junr

Secretary

At an Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati holden at Hartford on the 7th Day of July 1784—

Present—the Officers of the Society (except Mr Gen Huntington the President) and about 50 other Members—

Brig Gen Swift in the Chair—

The Committee of Claims, appointed in the preceding Meeting, Report—That for Want of a sufficient Number of their Com^tee present, they have been unable to compleat their Business, and request to know if they shall proceed.—

The Question being put, they are directed to proceed in their Report—and Col Wyllys with Major Cleft, are added to their Number—

On Motion

Voted, as a Direction for the Comtee of Claims, — That Officers having served in three Campaigns in the Continental Army or in the Troops raised for the Defence of this or any other of the United States, and residing in this State; — Officers who have left Service with reputation; and all Officers whose accumulated Service amounts to three Campaigns, are entituled to Admission into this Society — provided, in the Opinion of the Society or their Committee, their particular Services shall be judged such, as to entitule them to become Members — —

The Committee of Claims having finished their Business — reported — That the following Gentlemen having exhibited to them their several Claims, are by them adjudged worthy to become Members of this Society — viz^t —

Cole John Trumbull — Col^o Jos Wadsworth
Cole John Chester — Capt Caleb Bull —

Capt Jonas Prentice — Capt Ezekiel P. Belding
Capt James Watson — Surgeon Mate Josiah Robb
Major Ezekiel Scott — Lieut Joseph Wilcox
Lieut Saml Mills — Lieut Elihu Lyman
Capt Peter Curtiss — Lieut Wm Leverett
Lieut Charles Hopkins — Capt Thomas Y. Seymour
Capt Moses Cleveland — Brig[r] Roger Hooker

Mr Jeffery Whiting — as Brother & Heir to Capt Charles Whiting who died in Servic June 1778 —

Which Report was accepted — and the Gentlemen above named are considered as Members accordingly —

The Meeting proceeded to Ballot for Officers of the Society for the ensuing Year —

The Ballotts being recieved and Counted the following

"The following Gentlemen were duly elected — Viz^t —

Major Gen^l S. H. Parsons — President
M^r Gen^l Ed: Huntington — Vice President
Col^o Jon^a Trumbull — Secretary
B. Gen^l R. Swift — Treasurer
Col^o Tho^s Grosvenor — Ass^t Treasurer

The Ballots being taken for Delegates for the ensuing Year, to attend the Gen^l Meeting of the Society, in case it should be necessary — The following Gentlemen were Elected — Viz^t —

M^r Gen^l Parsons
M^r Gen^l Huntington
B. Gen^l Swift
Ralph Pomeroy Esq^r
Col^o Jon^a Trumbull

Voted — That either two of the above Gentlemen attending, shall be a Representation —

Resolved That Majr Parsons, Col Wyllys
Col Huntington, Genl Swift, Major Wright, Majr
Judd, Majr Clift, Majr Smith & Col Trumbull, be
a Committee to receive Applications from any Gen-
tlemen who may desire to become honorary Members of
this Society — and also to receive Nominations,
from any of the Members of the Society, of such per-
sons as they may judge Worthy to be admitted
as honorary Members — and report to this
or a future Meeting, with their Opinion on
such Applications or Nominations —

Dr. Pomeroy & Mr Nichols are appointed
a Committee to audit the Accounts of the late Treas-
urer, and to make the proper transfer of the same with
the Funds into the Hands of the new Treasurer — they
are also directed to audit the Acc[t]s of the Delegates who
attended the last Gen[l] Meeting, for their Expences
&c —

A Report of the Delegates to the Gen[l] Meeting in May last was made & received — And the Circular Letter from the Gen[l] Meeting to the State Society, with the Institution as amended & altered, was received & laid on the Table —

Voted. That the Rev[d] Ezra Stiles D[r] the Rev[d] James Dana, D.D. & the Rev[d] Nathan Strong be admitted as Honorary Members of this Society —

Voted That the Gentlemen who were appointed in the last State Meeting as Assistants Collectors of the Tax then laid to defray the Expences of Delegation, be desired to continue their Exertions in the Collection — & pay over the Monies they may receive, into the Hands of the Treasurer or his Assistant —

The Meeting adjourned sine Die —

The foregoing is a true Record

Attest Jon^{a} Trumbull Jun^{r} Secty

At an annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati, holden at Hartford the 4th of July A^{o} D 1785 —

Present the President, Secretary, and about 33 Members — — after reading several Letters addressed to the Society, & appointing a Committee for arranging the Business of the Meeting — adjourned till to morrow morng — 8 o^{c} Clock —

July 5th — Met according to Adjournment —

On motion — Major Wyllys & Mr Barlow were appointed a Committee to prepare Circular Letters to the several

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State Societies — Answers to Letters from particular States who have addressed this Society —

An application from Major Roger Alden, & shewing particular reasons why his request had been deferred to this Time — he is admitted as a Member on paying the Institution & making his Deposit —

The Meeting proceeded to Ballot for Officers of the Society for the ensuing Year —

The Ballots being received & counted — the following Gentlemen were duly elected Viz^t —

Major Gen^l Parsons President
Colo Gen^l Wadsworth Vice Pres^t —
Colo Trumbull — Secretary —
Colo Grosvenor — Treasurer
Colo N. Talmadge Assist^t Treasurer

The Ballots being received & counted for Delegates to attend the Gen^l Meeting, in case it should be necessary — the following Gentlemen were

duly

duly elected Voyt

Mr Genl Parsons
Colo Wadsworth
Colo Trumbull
Colo Saml Wyllys
Mr Ralph Pomroy

The original Institution — with the Institution as amended & altered at the first General Meeting of the Society — were read — sundry Observations were made — but no Order taken respecting them — — —

Report The Committee appointed at the last meeting to receive the Accounts of the late Treasurer — to examine & — reported that they had received & examined the Accounts of the late Treasurer Colo Ebenezer Huntington — & that having found them very exact, just & regular they had settled them accordingly & received the Sum due Amounts — —

The Committee for preparing Draft of Letters reported the following Drafts — which being read & approved were ordered to be transcribed & forwarded by the Secretary

Hartford 4th July 1785

Gentlemen.

The Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati have met this Day agreeably to the Institution — For a variety of prudential reasons, arising from the present situation of the Society, the Institution as altered & amended, has not been acted upon by this Society Meeting — and altho. different State meetings have acted differently upon it, yet we earnestly wish that, by a free correspondence & mature deliberation, every branch of this extensive fraternity may unite in a general establishment, that the benevolent purposes

of its

of the Institution may be answered — and that the World may be convinced of the purity of our principles — —

In the present unsettled situation of our affairs we consider it as the Duty of every State Society at their annual meeting, to correspond with the other State Societies as directed in the original Institution — —

The Officers of this Society the Year ensuing — are as follow Viz^{t} —

(naming them as chosen) —

(Circular) — — — In the Name of the Con: united State Society &c

J^{n} — Seitz —

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Hartford 4th July 1785

Gentlemen The Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati acknowledge the receipt of your obliging letter of the 10th of January last — — The Institution as amended & altered for prudential reasons

arising from our particular situation, has not as yet been acted upon, by this Society — and altho different State Societies have acted differently upon it, yet we earnestly wish that, by a free correspondence & mature deliberation, our Branch of this extensive fraternity, may agree upon a general Establishment, in order that the benevolent purposes of the Institution may be effected — & that the World may be convinced of the purity of our Intentions ——

It is not only our wish, but we consider it the Duty of every State Society at their annual meetings to write a Circular Letter to the other State Societies as directed in the said Institution ——

The Officers of this State Meeting for the Year ensuing are as follows —— Viz^t

(naming them as chosen)

In the Name &c ——

North Carolina —

J. G. ——

Hartford 4th July 1783

Sir

The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut, acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th of July last, & have paid that attention to the sentiments therein offered, which a subject of such importance deserves. —

The circular letter from the Gen.l Society with the alterations in the Institution proposed, has been read at this annual State Meeting. —

For a variety of prudential reasons, this Society has not entered into a full discussion of the plan of alterations, & have made no decisive determination thereon — It is the earnest wish of this Society, that the most perfect unanimity may subsist through out all the State Societies of the Cincinnati — and nothing in their power shall be omitted for its promotion —

We send you a list of the officers chosen

at this meeting to serve for the ensuing Year

In the Name of the Society &c

State Society of N Hampshire — J. Lee Jr

The Meeting adjourned sine Die

A true Record of proceedings

Test John Trumbull 2nd Secty

At an Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati — holden at Hartford on the 4th Day of July 1786 —

Present — the Officers of the Society — & nine other Members. — Two Letters (the only ones which had been received) from the Convention of North Carolina — being read — the Meeting proceeded to a choice of their Officers for the Year ensuing — When, the Ballots being received & counted — the following Gentlemen were chosen to their respective Offices,

Viz^t — Maj^r Gen^l Parsons — President
Col^o Wadsworth — Vice Pres^t
Col^o Trumbull — Secretary
Col^o Grosvenor — Treasurer
Col^o Talmadge Assist^t Do —

The Meeting being very thin, the choice of Delegates to attend at the next Gen.l Meeting, is for the present postponed — —

On Motion — Voted — That the Treasurer take measures to obtain the Interest due on the Society's funds — and to dispose of the same to the best advantage he can — so that the nominal Amount of s.d Interest be vested in final Settlement Securities, for the Accumulation of the Funds — and the remainder (whatever it may be) to be applied to the particular purposes of the Society, at their direction, — such as the payment of incidental Charges — procuring a Seal, paying postage — procuring Diplomas for the Members &c.a —

In Conformity to a Vote of the Society passed in July 1784 — respecting the Admission

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Members — Voted that Major Wm Davenport & Mr James Davenport — for their reputable Characters & Services, are entitled to become Members of this Society, and are admitted accordingly — they signing the Institution & making the accustomed Deposits —

On Motion — Voted that this Meeting stand adjourned to the Day preceding the Commencement at New Haven in September next — To be holden at Dr New Haven on 2d Day — being the 12th Day of September —

A true Record of proceedings

Attest —

Lon[a] Trumbull Secty

At a Meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati, held by Adjournment at New Haven, on the 12th Day of September 1786

Present — the President
the Secretary &
the Assist Treasurer — and

the following Members — Viz.

Colo Wyllys
Colo Humphreys
Doctr Brownson
Maj. Scott
Maj. Leavenworth
Capt Mowris
Capt James Watson
Lieut Welles
Doctr Munson
Maj. Munson
Capt Hillhouse
Lieut Pumroy
Colo Smith
Capt Lyndon
Colo Starr
Maj. Wright
Capt Wooster
Lieut Whiting
Lieut Robinson
Mr Daggett
Doctr Hosmer
Lieut Beers
Capt Prentice
Capt Taylor

Lieut Means
Lieut Tha$ Hopkins
Capt Cook
Capt Proup
Capt Beebe
Lieut Wetmore
Majr The$ Woodridge

Majr Jn$ Davenport
Mr James Davenport
Capt Adonijah Strong
Mr Woodward
Lieut Sherman
Majr The$ Munson
Capt Benjamin

J. Dort Stiles

The proceedings of the State Society of New York have been transmitted to this Society — they were read & laid on the Table —

Whereupon — an Motion, whether the New Institution should, at this time, be acted upon —

Voted — That the Discussion and Determination on that Subject, should, at present be postponed — —

On Motion — Voted — That each Member of this Society, on receiving his Diploma,

shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer, One Dollar; to be applied towards defraying the incidental Charges of the Society — particularly the Expences of the Delegation to the next Genl Meeting of the Genl Society —

Voted — That Doct. Ebenezer Beardsley & Lieut. Solomon Mears be admitted as Members of this Society — —

The Meeting proceeded to a Choice of Delegates to attend the next Genl Meeting to be held in May next — When the Ballots being received & counted — The following Gentlemen were duly chosen — Viz.

Maj. Genl Parsons
Colo Wadsworth
Colo Humphrys
Lieut Pumroy —
Revd Timothy Dwight DD LLD President of the University at Yale —

On Motion — Voted — That W.m Cad
Barlow be desired to prepare & deliver a pertinent
Oration, on the next Annuversary Meeting of this
Society — suited to the occasion —

On Motion Voted — That Colo Sam.l Wyllys
Colo Wadsworth &
M.r Gen.l Parsons — be
a Corresponding Committee, to receive & answer any
Letters & Communications addressed to this Society —
as also to receive any Claims of Gentlemen who may
be desirous of becoming Members of this Society —

On Motion — Voted — That the Treasurer
be desired to report & lay before the Society at their
next Meeting, the Names of such Members as are
deficient in the payment of their Tax imposed by
a former Meeting of this Society —

The Meeting adjourned their Session

that the next Anniversary Meeting be held at Hartford — & that notice thereof be suitably given by the Secty

The Meeting was then adjourned sine die

A true Record of Proceedings

attest

Lond Trumbull Secty

At a Meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati — holden at Hartford on the 4th of July 1787 —

Present — the Officers of the Society — except the Treasurer — and about fifty other Members —

Colo Talmadge & Lieut Beers were appointed a Committee to receive & examine the Accounts against the Society — & to report what they find due,

After which — the Members formed a Procession & marched from the Court House to the Rev Mr Thorps Meeting House — where the Exhibitions of the Day were introduced by an excellent Prayer, by Mr Thorpe — the Act of Independance was read by the Secretary — a pertinent Oration was delivered by Mr Baldwin — which being ended the Procession returned to

the

Council Room in the State House —

The Meeting then proceeded to the Choice of their Officers for the Year ensuing —

The Ballots being taken, the following Members were chosen to the several Offices — Viz.

Colo. Jeremiah Wadsworth — President
Colo Samuel Wyllys — Vice Pres.t
Colo Jona.n Trumbull — Secretary
Colo Ebr. Huntington — Appt. Secty —
Colo Thomas Grosvenor Treasurer
Colo Benj.a Tallmadge Appt. Treas.r

N.B. The Appointments of an Appt. Secretary was voted on special Motion for that Purpose, & that such appointments be continued to be made in future — as of other Officers — —

On Motion — Voted —

That the Delegates from this State Meeting to be appointed to the next Gen[l] Meeting of the Society in May next be empowered to agree upon & finally establish all such Alterations as may be necessary in the Constitution of the Society — ——

The Gentlemen chosen as Delegates were as follow — viz[t] —

Maj[r] Gen[l] Parsons
Colo Wadsworth
Col[o] Humphreys
Colo Trumbull — and
Major Judd —

On Motion — Voted That Colo Trumbull & Col[o] Humphrys be a Committee to wait on Mr Barlow — to return him the thanks of this Society for his Oration delivered this day — & to desire a Copy, that it may be printed — at Expence of the Soc[y]

Voted — That the Rev° W. Strong — & Coll° Humphreys, be desired to prepare each an Oration, to be delivered on the next Anniversary Meeting of this Society —

A Report of the Proceedings of the late Gen.l Meeting of the Society was laid on the Table — & partially read & attended to —

The Committee of Accounts made a Report — by which it appeared that there is due from the Society — as follows Viz.t —

To Maj.r Gen.l Parsons — Ball.e of his Bill of Expences as a Delegate — £5.2.9
To Coll° Humphreys — Ball.e as do — 23.3.7
To Coll° Trumbull — Ball.e of former Bill as do — 2.—.—
£30.6.4

which report was accepted & ordered the Sums to be paid —

It being also reported to this Meeting by our Delegates — That a considerable Sum was yet

due to Maj. L'Enfant from the Gen. Society — for procuring Eagles — a Copper plate with Devices for the Diplomas — a Dye for Medals — his Agency &c. in France — what Sum was Voted by the Gen. Meeting to be paid to him — of which, the proportion of this State Society, by apportionment was found to be 265 Dollars —

Voted That this Society, will make provision for the Payment of the aforesd Sum of 265 Dolls. as our proportion of the Deficiences abovementioned.

Whereupon — that the Society may be enabled to discharge the aforesd Debts — lying upon them —

Voted — That the Diplomas be delivered into the Hands of the Treasurer or his Assistant — with Instructions, that at the delivering out each Diploma, he shall receive from each Member who takes it, the Sum of Two Dollars instead of the One Dollar voted by a previous Resolution

Solution of this Society — and that no Diplomas be delivered to any Member not paying the same, or to any Member who does not pay the Tax of Two Dollars heretofore laid by a Vote of this Society at their Meeting the 17th of March 1784 —

Voted also — That the Monies which are remaining in the Hands of Capt Watson in N York, arising from the Sales of the Interest on our Funds — shall be applied towards the Debts due as aforementioned so far as they may be necessary —

Voted — That for the regular Payment of said Sums — as also for all others that may arise, the President for the time being shall draw his Warrants on the Treasurer — which Warrant with a Receipt thereon endorsed shall be sufficient Voucher for the Treasurer for the Sums thereby advanced —

On Motion it was Voted — That it be a standing Order of this Society — that at the Open-

ing the publick Exhibitions of each Anniversary, the Declaration of Independence by the United States in Congress, shall be read, by the Secretary —

Voted that — Gen[l] Parsons
Cole Wadsworth &
Cole Wyllys — be continued
as a corresponding Committee of the Society for the
purposes expressed in the Vote of their former ap-
pointment —

The Committee of Claims reported —
That they had examined the pretensions of the
following Gentlemen — Viz[t] —

Misp[s] Thomas Lewis — Amaria Keyes
Seth Lewis — Elijah Hubbard
Solomon Bowles 2[nd] — Nehemiah Hubbard
and Peter Colt — and find them en-
titled to become Members of this Society — &

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That, upon signing the Institution & making their several deposits in the Hands of the Treasurer, they be admitted as Members accordingly —

On Motion — Voted — That this Meeting be adjourned to the Day preceding the Commencement at N Haven — to be convened at N Haven on 1st Day — being the 11th Day of September next —

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Attest

Lon.a Trumbull Secretary

At a Meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati — holden by Adjournment at New Haven on the 11th Day of Septembr A.D. 1787 —

Present the President & about 30 Members

On Motion — Voted that the Treasurer be desired, with advice of the President, to procure the Interest due on the Society's Funds — —

Voted — That the Secretary be requested to write the Treasurer & desire him to have a statement of his Accounts laid before the Society at their Meeting in July next — and that the Treasurer be desired in future, to lay a Statement of his Accounts before the Society at each Annual Meeting — ———

Voted —

Voted — That the Diplomas for the Members of the Society be filled up as near the following form as may be. — Viz.

Be it known — That A B — in the ——— Regiment of —— in the Connecticut Line is a Member &c. instituted &c.

In Testimony whereof &c. have hereunto set my Hand at Mount Vernon in the State of Virginia this 4th Day of July in the Year of our Lord 1786 — and in the 11th Year of the Independence of the United States.

Signed &c. G W.

By Order &c.
C. Th.

The Committee of Claims reported that they had examined the pretensions of

the following Gentlemen Viz^t

Capt John Miles Doct. John Spalding
Lieu^t Stephen Alling Capt David Phippes

& Jonathan Burrall Esq^r late D.P.M.G.

& find them entitled to become Members of this Society — and that, upon signing the Institution & making their several Deposits in the Hands of the Treasurer, they be admitted Members accordingly, viz^t

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Attest

J. Burrall Secr^y

At a Meeting of the Connecticut Dale Society of Cincinnati — holden at Hartford on the 3d July 1788 —

Present the Officers of the Society — and about 30 Members —

The Members met in the Council Chamber — from whence they marched in procession to the North Meeting House — The Public Exhibitions were opened by reading the Act of Independence — a pathetic Prayer was made by the Rev. W. Perkins — succeeded by an excellent Sermon, suited to the Occasion, delivered by the Rev. W. Strong — & concluding Prayer by the Rev. T. W. Boardman — several select pieces of vocal & instrumental Music, were solemnly performed by the Gentlemen & Ladies of the City — a numerous Assembly of People present —

The procession re-
turned to the Council Chamber — & proceeded to Be

"Unanimously" Officers chosen for the ensuing Year as follow — viz.

Colo Jeremiah Wadsworth President
Colo Sam[l] Wyllys — Vice Do
Colo Trumbull Secretary
Colo Gen[l] Huntington Treasurer
Colo Thomas Governor Treasurer
Colo Benj[a] Tallmadge Assistant

Delegates to the Gen[l] Meeting Viz[t]

Colo Wadsworth
Gen[l] Huntington
Gen[l] Swift
Colo Trumbull
Colo Humphreys

On Motion — Voted that Colo Wyllys & Colo

Trumbull be a Committee to wait on the Rev.d Mr Strong — to return him the Thanks of this Society for his Sermon delivered before them this Day — and to request a Copy, that it may be printed —

Voted the Thanks of this Society to be given to Col.o Humphreys for his History of the life of Brig.r Gen.l Putnam — communicated to the Society and expressing their Wish that the same may be printed —

Voted That the Rev.d Mr Perkins — the Rev.d Timothy Dwight — & Col.o David Humphreys — be desired to prepare each an Oration or Sermon, to be delivered before this Society at their next Anniversary —

Voted That Col.o Huntington & Col.o H: Gray be a Committee to enquire into the State of the Society's Funds — to make a settlement with the Treasurer to this time — and make their

Report to the Society ——

Voted that the Interest on the Funds &c
for as may be necessary be drawn, & applied
towards the discharge of the present existing
Debts of the Society ——

Voted That the Committee of Claims do direct
what sums shall be deposited by the Treas of the
staff Departments, on their signing the Certificates

Voted That the next annual Meeting
of this Society be holden at New Haven —
unless for some particular reasons not now
existing, the President should judge it more con-
venient to be attended at some other place —
shall Order accordingly —

A true Copy of Proceedings —
attest Jonathan Trumbull Secy

At the anniversary of the Connecticut State Society of Cincinnati held at New Haven the 9th July 1789 (by order of the Vice President the 4th being saturday) present the President, Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, & about thirty other members —

The members met at the Council Chamber previous to the Exercises of the day & proceeded to the choice of their annual Officers when by the ballots the following Gentlemen were elected —

Col° Jeremiah Wadsworth President,
Gen¹ Sam¹ Wyllys Vice President
Col° Jon° Trumbull Secretary
Col° Benj.ⁿ Tallmadge Treasurer
Col° Eben.ᵈ Huntington Assᵗ Sec.ʸ
Col° Philip B. Bradley Assᵗ Treasurer

The following Gentlemen were elected Delegates to the General meeting —

Col° Jeremiah Wadsworth
Gen° Jedidiah Huntington
Col° Jonathan Trumbull
Col° David Humphreys
Col° Ebenezer Huntington

Voted

Voted that reading the declaration of Independence on opening the publick exhibitions of the day, be at this anniversary, omitted ~ ~ ~

The members of the society, then moved in procession to the Brick Meeting House, when the Exercises of the day were opened with a prayer from the Rev. Nathan Perkins, then a sermon was preached by the same, then an Anthem, was sung; then followed an Oration by Col. David Humphreys after which the exercises were closed with singing the auditory was large & brilliant, & expressed the highest satisfaction, for the pleasing satisfaction which they had received, the Society returned to the Council Chamber & proceeded to business when the following votes were passed. On motion, Voted that the thanks of this meeting be given to the Rev. N. Perkins for his sermon, & to Col. Humphreys for his Oration delivered before the society this day, & that the Assist. Sec. request copies, that they may be printed ~ ~ ~ Voted that the Treasurer with the advice of the President be directed to draw the interest in the funds of the Society, up to the 1st day of Jan. 1798 & be empowered for the purpose of discharging

discharging the debts of the Society — Voted, that the Treasurer be permitted to exchange the Certificates constituting the funds of the Society, for others, bearing Interest in the 1st day of Jany 1788, and of such amount as may be most convenient for the purposes of the society — Voted that on or before the next annual meeting, the deposits from all the members shall be completed; & that any subscriber who shall be found not to have made his deposit, on or before the said annual day ensuing, shall no longer be considered a member — Voted that the following Gentlemen be appointed collectors in the respective counties — viz —

Lt Joshua King for the County of Fairfield, Lt Nathan Beers for the County of New Haven, Capt Charles Hopkins for the County of Hartford, Capt John Meigs for the County of Middlesex, Col. Ebenr Huntington for the County of New London, Col. Ebenr Grey for the County of Windham, & Capt Elijah Chapman, for the County of Tolland, & that they be requested to call on the members of the society within their respective counties, to complete the payment of the sums due from them, & urge (those who have neglected) to an immediate payment of the deposits required

requisite to become a member — Voted that the collectors ~~was~~ appointed for the respective Counties be desired to call on the former collectors, & receive what monies they may have collected, which with whatever further sums they may receive, are to be paid into the Treasury by the next annual meeting —

Voted that the Rev^d Doct^r Stiles be requested to deliver a sermon & that Maj^r Judd be requested to deliver an oration, before the society at their next anniversary — On motion of the Rev^d Doct^r Stiles requesting to be excused from delivering a sermon, he was excused, Voted that the Rev^d Doct^r Dana be requested to deliver an oration before the society at their next anniversary — On application of Lt Sam^l D^e Forest a necessitous member, praying the society for relief, & presenting certificates & proofs of his disability & necessity, Voted that the Officers of the society, or any three of them, shall be a committee to take into consideration the case of S^d De Forest an unfortunate member, & afford him such relief from the interest of the funds, as in their discretion they shall judge proper after the debts of the society shall have been discharged.

Col^o Huntington reported to the Society, that he and Col^o Grey (who were appointed a committee at the last annual meeting to settle the Treasurers Accounts) had called

called on Col° Grosvenor late Treasurer of the Society to make a settlement, but that for want of certain documents they had not made a settlement - Voted, That Col° E. Huntington, & Col° E. Grey be desired to make a speedy settlement with the Treasurer of this society, & all others that have received monies, the property of the same State an account immediately, & report the state of the funds to the President by the first day of Sept^r next

a true copy of Proceedings

attest Ebenez^r Huntington Assist Sec^y

At the annual meeting of the society of Cincinnati held at Wallford the 4^th day of July 1790 by order of the President, (the 4^th happening on sunday) present the vice president, treasurer, assist sec^y & about forty members - - - - On motion, voted, that reading the declaration of independence on opening the exhibitions of the day be omitted - At 11 o'clock the society formed themselves & moved in procession from the Council Chamber to the North Meeting House, where an

an excellent & well adapted sermon was delivered
to them by the Rev Doctor Dana; after the exercises
were over, the society returned to the council chamber
& elected the following gentlemen officers for the year
ensuing ---

Coll Jeremiah Wadsworth President
Gen Samuel Wyllys Vice President
Coll Jon Trumbull Secretary
Coll Benj Gallinadge Treasurer
Coll Ebenr Huntington, Assist Secy
Coll Philip B. Bradley Assist Treasurer

Sundry communications were made to the society
by the Vice President, & among them the proceedings
of the Genl Meeting held in May last, and also a
circular letter from the secretary general of the society, requesting
that this state society would appoint a special delega-
tion to attend at Philadelphia on the first mon-
day of may next, & that they be empowered to
agree on & finally establish all such alterations
as may be thought necessary in the constitution,
& to adopt & carry into execution such measures
as

as may conduce to the security of the funds, & to the promotion of the general interests of the society —

On motion, Voted that this state society will appoint a delegation for the before mentioned purposes with full & ample powers thereto ——

The meeting then proceeded to the election of this delegate when the following gentlemen were chosen — —

Col° Wadsworth
Gen¹ Wyllys
Col° Talmadge
Col° Huntington & Doct¹ Beardsley

several of the members expressed a wish that three of this delegate should attend, but no vote was taken on the subject ——

On motion Voted that Capt Gurdon Bill late Lieu¹ in the Navy of the United States, is intitled by his services to become a member of this society by paying a months pay & signing the institution ——

On motion Voted that Capt George Starr is intitled to become a member of this society by paying a months pay, & signing the institution —

On motion voted that this meeting be adjourned to meet at this place 6 Clock this Evening ——

At 6 Clock the meeting convened & proceeded to business — On motion voted that the vote of the last meeting, directing that all deposits of the nine months they should be made on or before the annual meeting on this day, be so far dispensed with, as to extend the said vote to the next annual meeting ——

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to settle the accounts with Col Grosvenor late treasurer, made their report, which by vote of the society was accepted, & ordered on file ——

Voted that Col Huntington Capt Charles Hopkins be a committee to pass the papers rec'd from the late treasurer, into the hand of the present treasurer & take his receipt therefor —

Voted that the treasurer with the advice of the President be directed to demand & obtain all the funds of the society into his hands as soon as may be, for the use & benefit of this society & make report of the same to

to the next annual meeting ~~~

Voted that the sum of five pounds two shillings being the amount of Col° Humphreys's expences in attending the last Gen¹ meeting be paid by the treasurer ~

Voted that Doct^r Beardsley & Maj^r Punties, be a committee to wait on the Rev Doctor Dana, with the thanks of this society for his sermon delivered them this day ~~

Voted that the President of this society be desired, to request some Gentleman, to preach a sermon, or deliver an oration before the society at this next anniversary ~ ~ ~

Voted, that the next anniversary of this society be held at New Haven ~~

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attest Ebenr. Huntington Clk Soc^y

At an annual Meeting of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati held: en at N Haven on the 6th Day July 1791

Present all the Officers of the Society except the Assistant Secty — with about 40 other Members —

After the Exercises of the Day — consisting of an Oration delivered by David Dagget Esq — & some elegant Music performed by the Citizens in the Brick Meeting — The Members convened for Business in the State House —

Sundry communications were made by the President respecting the Gen Meeting of the Society in Phila in May last — & a letter from the Mass.a Society requesting

The concurrence of this Society in an application to Congress for relief in addition of their pay during the War of 82

On Motion — Voted that the Consideration of the Memorial of the Officers of the Massachusetts Line of the late Army, be postponed to some future Meeting of this Society

The Treasurer made a report of the State of the Funds of this Society which was approved

The Officers of the Society for the ensuing Year were chosen — and are

Col. Wadsworth President
Genl. Wyllys — Vice Pres.
Cols. Trumbull Secty.
Col. Tallmadge Treasr.

Colo Huntington Agst Scotty
Colo Bradley — Agst Treasr —

Mr Beardsley, Widdrst Son of the late Doctr Beardsley presented himself & was accepted as a Member of this Society in room of his Father deceased —

On Motion — Resolved — That the Vote directing all deposits of one Months pay to be made on or before the Annual Meeting in 1790 — & afterwards suspended to the present time, — be further extended until the next Annual Meeting — And that in the mean time the Treasurer, by himself, or the several Collectors appointed for the purpose, be requested to call particularly on each deficient Member —

Resolved, That the Treasurer

with Mr Kirby be deemed to examine the Books & Papers — to ascertain the Sum & just Sum which has been or ought to have been paid by the respective subscribing Members as their Deposits — & to compare the Amount with the Sums now on hand & Deficiencies due — & make a compleat Statement of the same in writing, to be reported to the next Meeting of this Society —

On Motion Voted — That the Treasurer of this Society be directed to subscribe the Amount of the Funds in the U States Loan Office in this State — and take Certificates therefor in the Name of the Treas^r in trust for the Use & Benefit of the Commencial State Society of Cincinnati — agreeably to the Terms of the new Loan proposed by Congress

Voted— That the Treasurer be directed to obtain the Interest now due on the Funds of the Society & payable in hard Money— & that the same be appropriated to discharge the the existing Claims against the Society

Major Walker & Major Judd were appointed a Committee to examine the State ment of the Treasurer respecting the present State of the Funds

Voted— That the amount of four Dollars ℔ Month be advanced to Lucia Dorcas for the term of six Months /provided she lives so long/ for relief of his necessities and that the Treasurer pay the same accordingly

On the Memorial of Mrs Abigail Ellis Widr of the late Capt Edward Ellis— Voted

Members of this Society, representing her very necessitous circumstances. —

Voted That the sum of One Dollar p Month — payable Quarterly for One Year if the Fund so long be advanced to the Widow Abigail Ells — for relief of her necessities — & that the Treasurer pay the same agreeably to this Vote —

On Motion Voted — That a Member be appointed in each County of this State, to whom all applications for relief from the Funds of the Society shall be made; —

And that Col° Tallmadge for the County of Litchfield — Col° Bradley for Fairfield County — Mr Burr of New Haven County — Mr Jn° Meigs for Middlesex — Gov Wyllys for Hartford County — Col° Grosvenor for Windham

Capt Chapman for the County of Tolland — &
Col Huntington for the County of N London — be
be appointed each within his County for
the purpose of receiving such Applications — &
that they be desired, whenever such Applicati-
ons are made, that they make diligent &
carefull Enquiry into the particular Circum-
stances & Situation of the several Applicants — &
report the same to this Society for their Inform-
ation — and that the Secty do publish
this Vote in the several News papers within
the State.

On Motion Resolved — That the conside-
ration of the recommendations of the Gen Meeting
in May last — respecting a Delegation to the
next Triennial Gen Meeting to be held in May
1793 — for the purpose of Alterations in the Gen Con-
stitution — & the Mode of making the same by a
repre

exhibition of Nine Hats — be postponed till the next Annual Meeting of this Society —

Voted — That the Treasurer be directed to pay to Gen Saml Wyllys the Sum of Eight pounds one Shilling Lawf to defray the Expences of his attending the late Gen Meeting of the Gen Society at Phila in May last —

And that he also pay to Col Tallmadge the like Sum of £8 1 0 to defray the Expence of his attendance at the same time — agreably to their accounts rendered to this Meeting & approved —

On Motion Voted — That May Prentice of N York be a Committee to return the Thanks of this Society to Mr David Dagget for his Oration delivered before the Society at their Meeting this Day —

Voted That the President be desired to

procure some Gentleman to prepare & deliver an Oration or Sermon before the Society at their next Anniversary in July 1792

And that the next Anniversary Meeting be held at the City of Hartford

Adjourned sine die

A true Record—

Test

Jon.a Trumbull Secy.

At an annual Meeting of the Connecticut Society of Cincinnati — holden at Hartford on the 4th Day of July 1792 —

Present the Officers of the Society, except the Depu. Treasurer — with about 40 other Members — The Members met in the Council Chamber — from whence they moved in procession to the North Meeting House — where the Exercises began with Singing — after which a concise & pertinent Prayer was made by the Revd Mr. Flynt — succeeded by an Anthem for the Occasion, performed by the Singers of the City — The Public Exercises closed with an animated Oration delivered by Mr. Theodore Dwight — The Society returned to the Court House — & proceeded to Business of the Day —

The Officers of the Society for

the ensuing Year were chosen — and are,

Colo Jere Wadsworth — President

Genl Sam[l] Wyllys — Vice — Pres[t]

Colo Jon[a] Trumbull — Secretary

Colo B Tallmadge — Treasurer

Colo Ch[r] Huntington — Assis[t] Secty

Capt Thomas Y. Seymour Assis[t] Treasurer

Wm Sam[l] Trothingham — Brother & next Heir to the late Lieu[t] Col[o] Trothingham deceased was by unanimous consent, admitted a Member of this Society in room of his deceased Brother

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Resolved — That the Delegates chosen by this State Society to attend the next triennial Gen[l] Meeting to be held in Phila on the 1[st] Monday in May next, be instructed & fully empowered to agree upon & finally establish all such Alterations as may be thot necessary in the Gen[l] Constit:

tution of the Cincinnati —

Resolved — That any Amendments or Alterations in the Gen[l] Constitution of the Society of the Cincinnati, which may be agreed to, concurred in by the Delegates of Nine State Societies chosen to attend the next triennial Gen[l] Meeting, shall be obligatory on this State Society, and shall be considered as binding on the other State Societies, whether present or not by their Delegates at s[d] Meeting — And shall thenceforth be observed as part or parts of the Constitution of the Gen[l] Society of the Cincinnati —

The following Gentlemen were chosen Delegates to attend the next Gen[l] Meeting of the Cincinnati, in Philad[a] on the 1[st] Monday in May next

Viz[t] — Col[o] Wadsworth —
Col[o] Trumbull

Genl Wyllys
Colo Tallmadge
Colo Wm Huntington

Resolved — That the Vote respecting the pay ment of deficient Deposits, passed at the last annual meeting, be further extended for the Term of Six Months from this time, and no longer

Resolved — That the Surgeons of Regiments who have deposited 40 Dollars, be considered as having compleated their full Deposits

Resolved — That the Treasurer be direct -ed, from time to time, to apply the surplus of the Interest, arising on the Funds in his hands, to the purchase of Stock, for the Use of this Society

The Treasurer made a Report respecting the Subscription of the Funds to the New Loan of the United States

Also respecting Interest received — and disburs-
ments made, with Ballance remaining &c —

Whereupon — Voted — That Coll Huntington
Capt Bull & Mr Richards, be a Committee to ex-
amine the Accounts of the Treasurer — & report —

On Motion — Voted. That the Sum of Six
Dollars ₰ Month be advanced to Lieut Deforest
through the ensuing Year, should he live so long,
for relief of his necessities — and that the Treasurer
pay the same accordingly —

Voted That Capt Seymour & Capt Bull be a
Committee to present the thanks of this Society to Mr
Dwight for his pertinent & animated Oration,
this Day delivered — & to request a Copy for the press —

Voted — That the next Anniversary Meeting
of this Society be held at New Haven — and that
the President be desired to procure some person

to deliver an Oration or Sermon on the Occasion.

Adjourned Sine Die

Test

Jos. Trumbull Sec'y

At an annual Meeting of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati holden at New Haven on the fourth day of July 1793

Present

Majr Genl Saml Wyllys, Vice Presid.
Col. Benjn Tallmadge. Treasr
and about thirty Members

The members convened and moved in Procession to the Brick Meeting house where the Exercises of the Day were introduced by reading the Declaration of Independance, after which several pieces of Vocal & Instrumental Musick were performed by the Gentlemen & Ladies of the City, and a well adapted Prayer made by the Revd President Stiles. — The Society returned to the Court House and proceed to the Business of the Day

The ballots for a President being taken

Maj.-Gen.l Samuel Wyllys was chosen, but declined.— The ballots were again taken and the following Gentlemen chosen Officers of the Society the ensuing Year

Genl Eben.r Huntington — President
Col. Benj.a Talmadge Vice-President
Capt. Ephraim Kirby Secretary
Nathan Beers Esq.r Treasurer
Henry Dagget jun.r Esq.r Asst. Secy
Maj.r Joseph Wilcox Asst. Treas.r

On Motion, Resolved — That Capt. David Phipps, Capt. John Miles and Lieut. Stephen Allen, who have not made their deposits agreable to the Institution, be now permitted to deposit their respective Obligations with Surety payable to Mr. Nathan Beers, on demand with Interest, in the hands of the Treasurer in trust for the use of the Society.

On the Petition of Capt. Enoch Reed Representing that by various misfortunes, he

he is reduced to the last degree of indigence and want, and praying for relief from this Society — Resolved — that Genl. Ebenr. Huntington be requested to inquire into the truth of the facts stated in the Petition, and ascertain what relief ought to be granted (if any) and that he be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for such sums quarterly as he shall judge proper until the next Annual Meeting, not exceeding the sum of twelve dollars per quarter; and that the money when drawn shall be placed in the hands of Col. David H. Sill to be delivered out at his discretion, according to the necessities of the Petitioner. —

Resolved, that Capt. Stillwell and Col. Prentice be a Committee to Audit & settle the late Treasurers Accounts, and to make the proper transfer of the same with the Funds into the hands of the new Treasurer. —

On Motion, Resolved — that the

Expences of the Day be paid out of the Treasury of the Society, and that Majr. King & Majr. Wilcox, be a Committee to Audit the Accounts & Report, & that the Treasurer pay the same accordingly. —

Voted, that the Treasurer pay to Genl. Saml Wyllys £12..2..6 for his Expences as a Delegate attending the General Meeting at Philadelphia in May last — and to Col. B. Tallmadge £11..19..8 for his Expences as a Delegate at the same time.

Voted, that the Treasurer pay Majr. Joshua King £8..8..4½ being monies by him advanced for the relief of Lt. Saml Deforest, agreable to a former Vote of the Society.

On Motion Resolved, that the names of Capt. Wm Munson and Lt. Jasper Mead, ~~being~~ having been omitted in the list of Members, be now inserted by the Secretary. —

Resolved

Resolved – That the next Anniversary Meeting of this Society be held at Hartford, and that the President be desired to procure some suitable person to deliver an Oration or Sermon on the occasion.–

Adjourned Sine Die

Test. Ephraim Kirby Secy

At an Annual Meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati holden at Hartford on the fourth day of July 1794

Present —

The Officers of the Society and about sixty members. —

The members assembled at the Court-house, from whence they moved in Procession to the North Meetinghouse, preceded by a Band of Musick, where a pertinent prayer was made by the Revd Nathan Strong and a very spirited and elegant Oration spoken by Mr. Elijah Waterman — Several excellent pieces of vocal Musick were performed by the Singers of the City, after which the Procession returned in the same order to the Court House, and the Society proceeded to the business of the day. —

On motion that the Officers of the Society for the ensuing year be chosen

The ballots were taken, and the following Gentlemen elected — viz^t

Gen^l Eben^r Huntington. President
Col. Benj^a Tallmadge Vice President
Capt. Ephraim Kirby Secretary
Nathan Beers Esq^r Treasurer
Henry Dagget Jun^r Esq^r Ass^t Secy
Col. Joseph Pettox Ass^t Treasurer

Resolved — That it be a standing rule that all applications for admission into the Society in right of any deceased member shall be made to a Committee, who shall inquire into the facts and Report to the Society — and that the Vice President & Secretary for the time being shall be a Committee for that purpose. —

The Committee reported that Mr. Reuben Ells was the eldest son of Capt. Edward Ells deceased, whereupon he was

admitted to take his seat and was ordered to be enrolled a member of the Society.—

The Committee appointed to examin into the State of the Funds Reported as follows viz.—

We the Subscribers, being a Committee appointed to examin into the amount of the payments which have been made, as well as those which ought to have been made by the Subscribing members of the Society of the Cincinnatti of the State of Connecticut, beg leave to Report, that we find the amount of the payments which ought to have been made by the members of the Society is nine thousand six hundred and thirty dollars.—

That the sums which appear to have been paid into the [redacted] treasury amount to Eight thousand four [redacted] hundred and thirty four dollars.—

That a number of persons appear by

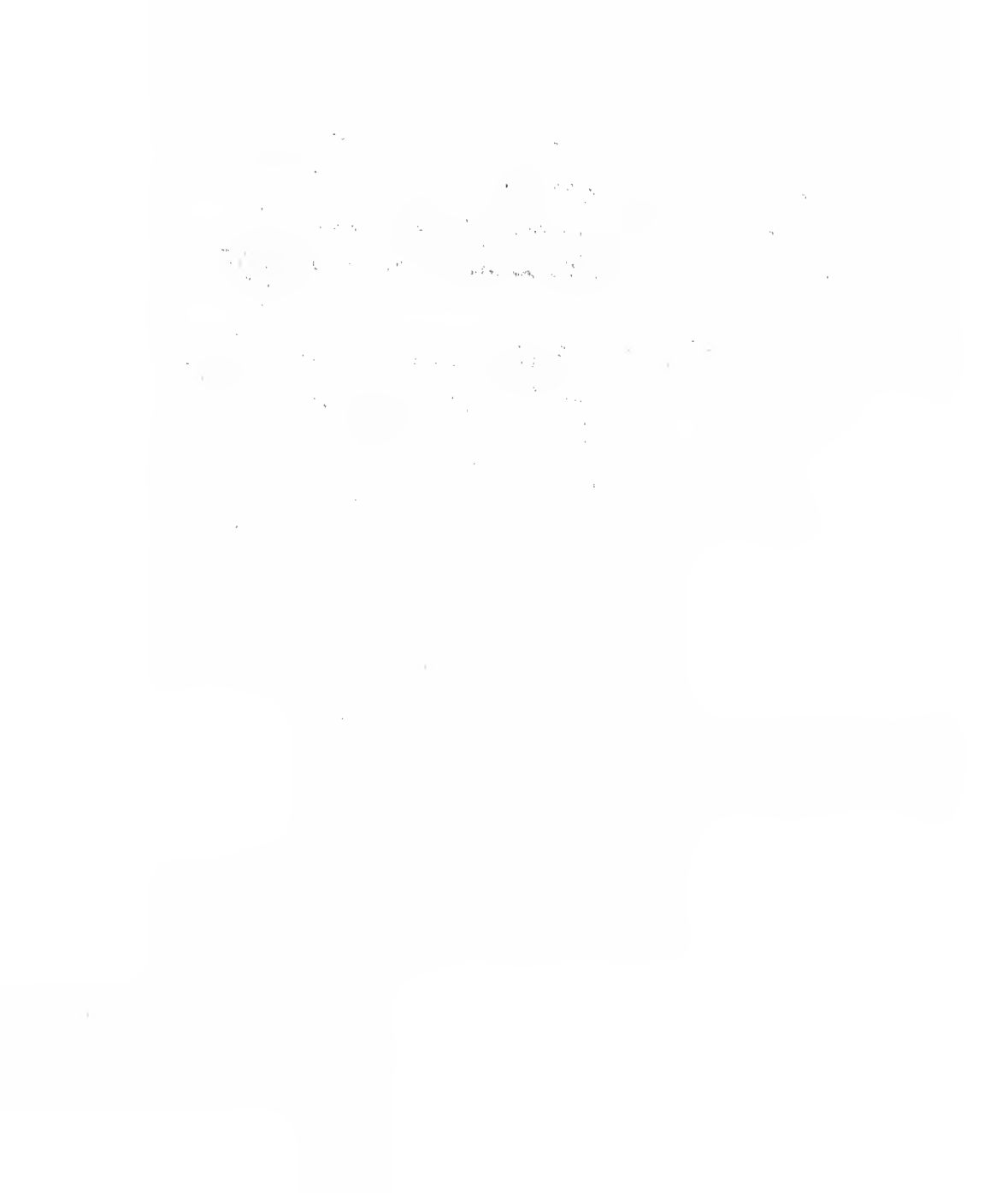
by the Treasurers Books, still due deficient in their payments (a List of whose names shall be annexed) the sums of which amount Eleven hundred & ninety seven dollars. —

The Funds of the Cincinnati Society appear to consist of the following sums — viz

	Dolls	Cts
Six per Ct Stock	6513	34
Deferred — do	2,896	68
Three per Ct — do	1,646	36
	11.056	38

As an accumulation to the fund of six per cent Stock, the Committee would further observe, that the late Treasurer, Benjamin Tallmadge, purchased seven hundred and twenty dollars of six per Ct Stock from the surplus of interest arising from the Funds belonging to the Society. So that the funds arising from the Subscribers payments would be as follows — viz

Six per Ct



	Dollrs	Cents
Six per Cent Stock	5793	34
Defered do	2896	68
	8690	2
Three p.r Ct. Stock amounting to	1646	36

is formed agreable to the funding system from the Interest which was due on the sums originally deposited — So that there is a surplus of our Funds, beyond what the subscribing Members paid in of Two hundred and fifty six dollars, independant of the 720 Dollars of 6 p.r Ct. Stock purchased by the said Benjamin Tallmadge as before stated —

All which is submitted
by — Benjamin Tallmadge
Epk.m Kirby
Committee

Litchfield April 12.th 1794

The Committee would further observe that the said Benjamin Tallmadge has delivered over to the present Treasurer Nathan Beers, Eighteen dollars 67/90 in addition to the above making the Surplus 274 Dollars 67/90

B. Tallmadge
Eph[m] Kirby } Committee

Which Report, being read, was accepted, and ordered to be recorded. —

On the Petition of Phebe Reed, widow of Capt[n] Enoch Reed dec[d] representing the necessitous situation of herself and children & praying for relief — Resolved — That the Treasurer pay to the said Phebe the sum of thirty six dollars to be paid in quarterly installments. —

On the Petition of Abigail Hart, widow of Major Jonathan Hart dec[d] representing that she has an only child, a son about two

years of age which appear to possess an uncommon degree of genius; that by the misfortunes attending her husbands death she is rendered incapable of bestowing that attention to her sons education which it merits and praying the aid of the Society —

Resolved — That the Treasurer pay to the said Abigail the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose mentioned in her Petition, to be paid quarterly by installments of twelve and a half dollars each

On the Petition of Thankful Hodge wife of Capt. Asahel Hodge representing that she is at a great distance from her family attending a sick son riding for his health, that she is destitute of money to bear her necessary expences, & praying the assistance of the Society to enable her to prosecute her journey —

Resolved — That the Treasurer pay the said Thankful for the purpose aforesaid the sum of forty dollars —

On the Petition of Lieut Cornelius Rupel representing that by an accidental fall from a Building which broke his Thigh he is rendered incapable of obtaining a support for himself and family, and praying for relief from the Society — Resolved — that the Treasurer pay to the said Lt. Rupel the sum of fifty dollars to be paid quarterly by installments of twelve and half dollars each. —

On the Petition of Lt Enos Smith representing that by various misfortunes he is reduced to great want, and praying for relief — Resolved — that the Treasurer pay said Lt. Smith the sum of twenty dollars to be paid quarterly by installments of five dollars each. —

Resolved — that Doct. Jos: Higgins and Mr. Wm. Plumb be allowed to withdraw their respective deposits of one months pay each with the Treasurer. —

Resolved — that Messrs Bunce & Kirby be a Committee to examine and report respecting the Members of this Society who have neglected to make their deposits of one months pay —

Resolved that Capt Kirby, Capt Welch and Capt Wadsworth be a Committee to digest the different Votes of the Society into proper form, and to Report such other votes as said Committee conceive to be necessary to form a proper Code of Bye Laws —

Resolved — that for the protection and security of the Funds of the Society, application be made to the Legislature of this State for an Act of Incorporation; and that Col Wadsworth, Maj Judd, and Genl Smith be a Committee to devise a proper mode of application, and when the same is approved by the President and Vice President of the Society, said Committee are requested to introduce a Petition accordingly —

Resolved — That Maj. Seymour and Mr. Burr be a Committee to return the thanks of the Society to Mr. Waterman for the Oration delivered this day, and to request a Copy for the Press, and that said Committee procure the same to be published at the expense of the Society. —

Resolved — That the next anniversary meeting be held at New Haven on such day as the President shall direct & that he be requested to procure an Orator for the day. —

Adjourned without day —

Test

Ephraim Kirby Secty

At an Annual Meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati - holden at New Haven on the 7th day of July 1795 -

Present. The Officers of the Society (excepting the Secretary) and about forty Members -

On Motion - Voted that reading the declaration of Independance be omitted in the exercises of the day -

- The Members having convened at the City Assembly Room moved in Procession to the Brick Meeting-House, where a Sermon was preached by the Revd. Doctr. Dwight, and an Oration Spoken by Mr. James Gould, & several select pieces of Music were performed by the Citizens - The Procession returned to the Assembly Room and proceeded in the business of the day. -

Officers chosen for the ensuing Year

Genl. Ebenr. Huntington .. President
Col. Benjn. Talmadge - Vice President
Capt. Ephrm. Kirby - - - Secretary
Mr. Nathl. Burr ... Treasurer
Mr. Henry Daggett Assis. Secretary
Col. Joseph Hilton .. Assis. Treasurer -

On motion — Voted That the thanks of the Society be given to the Revd. Doctr. Dwight for his Sermon, & to Mr. Gould for his Oration & that Messrs. Pintard & Burr be a Committee for the purpose & request a Copy of each and cause them to be printed at the expense of the Society — also that Mr. Burr be requested to express the thanks of the Society to the Singers for their polite assistance in celebrating the day —

On the application of John Trowbridge & Samel. De Forest to become Members of the Society — Voted — That the Vice Presidents and Assist. Secretary be a Committee to examine their claims — The Committee reported — That John Trowbridge is the eldest Male Heir of Genl. John Trowbridge deceased — & Samel. De Forest the eldest Male Heir of Genl. Samel. De Forest deceased — & are entitled to become Members — The Society accepted their Report & ordered their Names enrolled as Members of the Society —

Petitions were presented to the Society by the following persons for relief stating their indigent &

nuspitious circumstanus - Ellin De Forest. Widow of the late Lieu.t Sam.l De Forest award - Phebe Rud Widow of the late Capt. Enoch Rud. award - Lieu.t Elias Robbinson - Col.o Jonath.n Johnson - Cap.t Cornelius Russell - Sally Leavenworth Widow of Maj.r Eli. Leavenworth award - On which the Society grant'd the following Sums -

To Ellin De Forest - 40 dols - payble to Cap.t Hubbel
Phebe Rud . . . . 20 - . . . do . . Col.o Sill -
Lieu.t Robbinson - 60 . . . . . -
Col.o Johnson . . . 50 . . . . . - Elijah Hubbard Cl.k

On the Petitions of Capt. Russell & Sally Leavenworth - Voted That as they are at present Members of other States, they can not be entitled to assistance from the Funds of this State Society -

On motion - Voted That all grants of money for the relief of the Indigent Members of the Society be paid in half yearly payments. unless specially directed otherwise

The Committee appointed to digest the different Votes of the Society into proper form and report such other Rules as they conceive to be necessary to form a proper Code of By Laws report the following -

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1. The Anniversary Meetings of the Society shall be alternately held in the Cities of Hartford & New Haven.

2 It shall be the duty of the President for the time being to provide an Orator to deliver a Sermon or Oration at each Anniversary Meeting, unless ordered otherwise by a Vote of the Society.

3. To call to mind the great events of the American Revolution & the causes which led to them, the Public Exercises of the day shall be introduced by reading the declaration of Independence by the Secretary.

4. Introductory to the business of the day the doings of the preceding Meeting shall be read.

5. There shall be annually appointed a Committee of three, who shall Audit & adjust the Treasurers Accounts, & make report to the next Anniversary Meeting, which shall be read before the appointment of Officers. The Report shall shew the State of the Treasury at the time it is made, & the sums received in, & paid out in the course of the preceding year & being accepted & approved by the Society, shall be recorded at full length by the Secretary.

6th. At each Anniversary Meeting there shall be appoin

two Members from each County, to any of whom applications may be made by distressed Individuals for relief. And it shall be the duty of the Members so appointed to examine minutely into the merits of the case of each Applicant, & to report the facts & evidence to the next Meeting of the Society. & no applications to the Society for relief from the Funds shall be admitted, (unless in cases of a very singular nature) but upon report as before mentioned.

7th. It shall be the duty of the Secretary immediately after each Anniversary Meeting to cause to be published in the several Gazettes in this State the Names of the Committee to receive applications for relief, together with such part of these rules as are necessary to give information to all concerned.

8 All applications for admission into the Society, either in one's own right, or in the right of any deceased Member, shall be made to a Committee who shall enquire into the facts and report to the Society.

Voted that the Society accept the Report of the Committee & adopt the foregoing as the Standing Rules & Regulations for the Society.

On Motion – Voted that the expenses of the day be paid by the Treasurer out of the Funds of the Society, & that Mess.rs Burr, Allen & Daggett be a Committee to adjust them.

Voted That Capt. Eph.m Kirby, Capt. Stillwell & Maj.r Munson be a Committee to Audit & adjust the Treasurers Accounts, & report at the next Annual Meeting

The Society proceeded to the choice of the Annual Committee of two in each County, to whom application is to be made by the Indigent Members of the Society for Relief & the following Gentlemen were elected –

Hart. County. Capt. Caleb Bull ... Cap. Ezra.l Holcomb –
N. Haven. Do. – M.r Nathan Burr. M.r Stephen Allen –
N. London. Do. Gen.l Eben.r Huntington Col.o Wm. Richards –
Fairfield – Do. – Col.o Tim.o Taylor – Capt Salmon Hubbell
Windham. Do. Col.o Moses Cleveland. Col.o Tho.s Grosvenor –
Litchfield Do. Cap. Eliz.r Wadsworth. Col.o David Judson –
Middlesex Do. M.r John Higgs. – Col.o Joseph Hillyer
Tolland – Do. Col.o Elijah Chapman. Doct.r Jerem.h Wisl –

Resolved that the Delegates chosen by this State Society to attend the next Triennial Gen.l Meeting to be holden in Philadelphia in May next, be instructed to agree

to such amendments to the Constitution of the General Society of the Cincinnati as they may deem necessary, which when ratified by the Societies of Nine States shall be binding upon the Societies so ratifying the same. The Ballots being taken, the following Gentlemen were chosen—any three of whom are desired to attend the next Gen.l Meeting.

Capt.n Ephraim Kirby
Col.o Benjamin Talmadge
Gen.l Ebenezer Huntington
Maj.r Joseph Walker
Col.o Joseph. Wilcox

Voted That the Rev.d Doct.r Dwight be admitted an honorary Member of this Society & the Vice President is requested to acquaint him with the same

Adjourned without day

Test. Henry Daggett Assist. Sec.y

At an Anniversary meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati holden at Hartford on Tuesday the 5th July 1796

Present— The Officers of the Society (except the Treasurer and Asst Secy) and about fifty members.

The Society convened in the Representatives Chamber, and on motion — Voted that the reading of the Declaration of Independance in the exercises of the day, be dispensed with. The members then moved in procession to the north meeting house, where the Revd Mr Flint made a well adapted prayer, an oration was spoken by Mr Jonth W. Edwards and several pieces of vocal musick performed by the Gentn & Ladies of the City.

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The procession returned to the State house; and the Society made choice of the following Officers for the year ensuing, viz^t^—

Col. Benjamin Tallmadge President.
Col. Thomas Grosvenor Vice President
Capt. Ebenezer Kinsley Secretary
Mr. Nathan Beers Treasurer
Mr. Henry Daggett Ass^t^ Sec^y^
Gen^l^ Joseph Pellet Ass^t^ Treas^r^

Introductory to the business of the day the doings of the last meeting was read.—

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts, exhibited a statement shewing the present state of the Funds of the Society, and a Report on the Treasurers accounts, which were read previous to the choice of Officers, and

accepted and approved by the Society and are as follows viz^t

An Estimate of Funds belonging to the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati viz^t

Six ℔ Cent Stock on the Books at Hartford		5977.48
Three ℔ Cent d^o	d^o	1646.36
Deferred d^o	d^o	2896.68
Six ℔ Cent d^o	New York	1323.00
		11843.52
Three notes for	96.60	
two final settlements	18.67	115.27
	Dollars	11958.79

Hartford
4th July 1796

Errors Excepted

Jn^o Nathan Beers

Dr. The Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati in account with Nathan Beers — Cr

			Dol.	Cts
1795 July	To expence of the Society at their meeting in Newhaven		87	25
	To Cash granted Elias Robinson	60		
	To ditto Ellen De Forest	40		
	To ditto Col. Jno Johnson	50		
	To ditto Phebe Reed	20	170	0
	To Cash paid Thomas and Samuel Green for printing 300 Draft Rights & comm[ts] a 5/p		22	92
	To 300 Dollars 6 p Cent Stock purchased at 18/9		281	25
			561	42
	To ballance due the Society		77	43
	Dollars		638	85

1795 July 1 — By Ballance due on former acct 9.16
By three quarters Interest on the Funds at Hartford to the 1st of January 1796 — 297.75
By three quarters Interest on the Funds at New York to the 1st of Jany 1796 — 57.30
By Reimbursement of 2 p Cent on 3793 34/100 dollars 6 p Cent Stock on the Books at Hartford — 115.86
By 1 quarters Interest on Stock at Hartford to April 1796 — 101.92
By Reimbursment of 2 p Cent on 1120 dollars 6 p Cent Stock on the Book at New York — 22.40
By 1 Quarters Interest on ditto to 1st April 1796 — 16.46
By Cash rec'd for Diplomas — 6.
By ditto for Capt David Strongs tax — 2
By Cash due the widow of Capt Asahel Hodge — 10.0

Dollars 638.85

July 4th 1796
Errors Excepted
N Nathan Beers

The Subscribers appointed to audit the accounts of Nathan Beers, Treasurer of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati for the year past; have examined the Chapter with the Vouchers, and his credits, and find the above balance of seventy seven dollars sixty three cents, in favr. of the Society

Ephraim Kirby
Elias Stillwell
William Munson
} Auditors

The Committee appointed to ascertain the members who had neglected to make their deposit of one months pay, reported a list of names which was read and ordered to lye on File.

Elijah Hubbard Esqr. and Lieut. Joseph Willcox being appointed a Committee to receive applications for admission into the Society, Reported, that

Stephen Titus Hormer Esq.r of Middletown
is the eldest male Heir of Lieut.
Prentis Hormer deceased, and that
Mr. Porter Walbridge of Stafford is
the eldest male Heir of Major
Amos Walbridge deceased, and are
entitled to become members of the
Society, whereupon resolved that
the said Porter Walbridge and
Stephen Titus Hormer be admitted
into the Society, the said Hormer
paying the deposit of one months
pay & arrear of taxes, or producing
sufficient evidence that the same
hath already been done, and that
the Sec.y enroll their names accor-
dingly. &c

Voted that the Certificate
signed by John Pierce Esq.r late Pay Mr.
Gen.l that he had rec.d for the

benefit of the Society of the Cincinnati from Capt. Wm. Munson and Capt. Noah [redacted] Lee one month's pay each, shall be considered as full evidence of their having complied with the Articles of the Institution in making their deposits; and that the Treasurer be required to take the necessary steps for obtaining payment of said Certificate from the estate of said John Pierce and make report at the next annual meeting.

Sundry applications from respectable persons being made to the Society thro' the Committee appointed for that purpose, [redacted] the following

The following sums are granted from the funds of the Society viz. To Lt. Charles Miller twenty dollars to be paid to Capt. A. Reyes in trust. To Col. Jos. Johnson forty dollars to be paid to Capt. Elijah Hubbard in

in trust, to the widow of Lieut. Benj^a Sutliff twenty dollars to be paid to Lt. John Meigs — to the widow of Capt. Edward Eels twenty four dollars to be paid to Capt. A Savage in trust — to the widow of Lt. Lamb. Deforest twenty dollars to be paid to Capt. Salmon Hubbel in trust, to Lieut. Cornelius Russell thirty dollars to be paid to himself. and that the Treasurer pay the same accordingly by half yearly installments agreeable to the standing order of the Society.

Voted that the Treas^r be directed to pay the account of Col. Benjamin Talmadge for his expences attending the Gen^l Meeting at Philadelphia in May last, amounting to £25.16.3

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to pay the account of

Capt Ed Shaw his Bill for expences attending the Gen[l] meeting in Mass Coll[y] and for cash advanced for the postage of letters containing communications to the Society, amounting in the whole to eighty eight dollars and fifty nine Cents.

Voted that Lt Daggett, Capt Stillwell, and Majr Munson be a Committee to audit the Treasurers accounts for the year ensuing, & report to the next annual meeting

Voted that the following Gent[n] be a Committee for the several Counties to receive the applications of new fellows persons and report thereon to the next annual meeting viz[t]

Hartford County, Capt Caleb Bull, Capt Erastus Wolcott
N. Haven do Mr Nathan Beers, Mr Pierpont Allen
N. London do Gov[r] E. Huntington, Col. David H. Sill
Fairfield do Col. Tim: Taylor, Capt Salmon Hubbel
Windham do Col. Tho[s] Grosvenor, Gov[r] J. Trumbull
Litchfield do Capt Elijah Wadsworth, Gov[r] David Tod[d]

Middlesex County, Mr. John Mayo, Gen. Jos: Wilcox
Soldiers - Col. Elijah Chapman, Mr. Peter Waldridge

Voted that the expence of the day be paid out of the funds of the Society and that Capt. Bull & Maj. Seymour be a Committee to audit the Bill and draw on the Treasurer.

Voted that Capt. Bull & Maj. Seymour be a Committee to wait on Mr. J. W. Edward and return the thanks of the Society for the Oration delivered by him this day and request a copy for the press — & that the same Committee return the thanks of the Society to the Singers for their polite attention on this occasion.

Voted, that Capt. Elias Dudley, Mr. Ward and Gen. Joseph Wilcox, a Committee to petition the Legislature for an act of incorporation so far as it may and protect the Funds of the Society for the uses intended by the original

institution, and that said Committee be directed to conduct said business agreably to their own discretion.

Adjourned without day

Test. Eph.m Kirby Sec.y

At a Meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati holden at N. Haven the 4th day of July 1797

present the Officers of the Society & about forty Members

The Members of the Society having convened in the State House moved in procession to the Brick Meeting House where the Exercises of the day were introduced by reading the declaration of Independance, after which a pertinent prayer was made by the Rev.d Dan.l Dana, & an elegant sentimental Oration was spoken by Mr. Jeremiah Atwater senior Class of College - several select pieces of Musick were performed by the Ladies & Gentlemen of the City & Students from the University - after the public exercises of the day were closed the Society moved in procession to Mr. Tho.s Atwaters &

Transacted the Annual business of the Society —

The doings of the last Meeting being read The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers Accounts rendered their Report which was read & accepted — which is as follows — — —

An estimate of the Funds belonging to the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati — —

6 P. Cent. Stock on the Books at Hartford — — —		$ 6093, 34
ditto — — — — — —	New York — —	1581 88
3 P. Cents — — — —	Hartford — — —	1646 36
Agreed — — — —	ditto — — — —	2896 68
		12218 26
2 Final Settlement Notes — — — —		18 67
		12236 93

Disbursements from 6 P. Cents. say $ 294 or $ 300 —

6 P. Cents yearly Interest — — —		$ 460. 50
3 P. Cents — — ditto — — —	49. 40	509, 90

New Haven July 4th. 1797 —

Nathan Beers Treas.

D.r The Connec.t State Society of the Cincinnati in Acct

1796			
July	To paid Col.o Talmadge's Bill of expence	$ 86	4
	" ditto Capt. Eph.m Kirby ditto	88	39
	" ditto p.d David Bull for dinner &c. for the Society 5.th inst.	93	63
Aug.t 13	" ditto postage 2 letters		13
Sept.r 16	" a.c the Widow of Benj.a Sutliff	20	—
Oct.r 11	" a.c postage of a letter		17
Nov.r 1	" a.c Col.o J. Johnson p.r Elijah Hubbard	20	—
	16 " a.c Charles Miller	20	—
	" " a.c Widow Abigail Ells	24	—
Dec.r 28	" p.d — power of Attorney to draw Interest		50
	" " a.c Cornelius Rupell	30	—
	" " a.c — the Widow of Lt. Dyonist	10	—
	" " 231 83/100 dollars purchased @ 17/3 on the pound	200	—
	" 1½ p.r Cent on the above	3	—
	" Power of Attorney to draw Interest at Philadelphia		50
	" Bal.ce due Col.o Johnson	20	—
	" ditto Widow Dyonist	10	—
		626	36
	To Bal.ce due the Society	216	5 —
		$ 842	41

New Haven July 4.th 1797 —

We the Subscribers appointed to examine the Accounts of the Cincinnati for the year past, have examined the two hundred fifteen dollars 5/100 in favor of the Society —

Acc.ts with Nathan Burr — Cr. 155

			$		
1796	By	Bal. of former Acc.t	$	77	43
	"	Cash rec.d on two Notes		78	67
Aug.t 3	"	1 Quarters Interest on the Funds at Hartford to July 1st		102	1
Oct.r 15	"	1 ---- ditto ---- ditto October 1		103	75
25	"	Cash rec.d on Dan.l Phipps Note		35	92
Nov.r 4	"	Interest on 6 p.r Cents at N York ---- to Octob.r 1st		44	29
1797 Jan.y 5	"	Remburisements & Interest on Funds @ Hartford to Jan.y 1st 1797		225	62
April 8	"	1 Quarters Interest on Funds ---- ditto April 1 1797		103	75
	"	Interest & Remburisements on Funds @ N York		70	97
			$	842	41

— Nathan Burr —

of Nathan Burr Treasurer of the Connecticut State Lottery of
charges with the vouchers & his Credits, & find the above balance of

William Munson
Elias Stilwell
Hosea Ransford Jun.r } Comm.rs

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Col° Benjamin Talmadge — President
Maj° Ephraim Kirby — Vice President
Mr. Henry Daggett Jun° — Secretary
Mr. Nathan Beers — Treasurer
Gen° Joseph Walker — Assis° Secretary
Gen° Joseph Wilcox — Assis° Treasurer

Several applications were made to the Society by Indigent Persons through the Committee appointed for the purpose, to whom the following sums were respectively granted —

Mrs Ellen De Forest — 30 dollars to be paid to Capt. Hubbell —
Col° Jonth° Johnson — 40 — ditto — Cap. Elijah Hubbard —
Widow of Reuben Ells 20 — ditto — Cap. A Savage
Lieu° Charles Miller — 20 — ditto — Mr. N.H. Whiting
Mrs Abigail Hart — 30 — — —
Rev° Sam° Mills — 70 — — —

The payments to be made agreeably to the standing rules of the Society, excepting the sum granted to the Rev° Samuel Mills which is to be paid to his Order.

Voted That the following Gentlemen be a Committee to receive & communicate the applications of meritorious Persons to the next Annual Meeting —

Hartford	Capt. L. Williams	Col. John Mix
N. Haven	Mr. Nathan Burr	Mr. Stephen Alling
Fairfield	Col. Jun. Taylor	Capt. Sam. Hubbel
Windham	Govr. Trumbul	Col. Grosvenor
Litchfield	Gen. D. Judson	Capt. E. Wadsworth
Middletn	Gen. J. Hillion	Capt. A Savage
Tolland	Col. E. Chapman	Mr. Walbridge

Voted - That a Committee be appointed to receive applications, digest & report a method for the introduction of new Members into the Society - & the Vice President Secretary, & Treasurer were accordingly appointed -

Voted - That Majr. Wm. Munson, Capt. Elias Stillwell & Mr. Henry Daggett Junr. be a Committee to examine & report the State of the Treasurers Accounts at the next Annual Meeting -

Voted That the Treasurer & Secretary be a Committee to wait on Mr. Jeremiah Atwater with the thanks of the Society for the Oration spoken by him this day & request a copy for publication - also to return the thanks of the Society to the Singers for their polite assistance in celebrating the day -

Voted - That the expences of the day be paid out of the Funds of the Society, & that Majr. Munson, Capt. Stillwell & Capt. Allen be a Committee to ascertain & adjust them - Adjourned until next day -

Thos. T. Smith

At a meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati at Hartford on the 4 Day of July 1798 —

Present about thirty Members of the Society

The members of the Society having convened in the State House moved in procession to the North meeting House, where the exercises of the Day were introduced by reading the declaration of Independence, after which a pertinent Prayer was made by the Revd. Mr. Strong and two elegant & interesting Orations were spoken. the first to the Society by Mr. Thomas Day the other to the Citizens present by Theodore Dwight Esq: several select pieces of musick were performed by the Ladies and Gentlemen of Hartford after the publick exercises of the Day were closed the Society returned in procession to the

State House, being escorted both in going from Dickinsons to the State House by three military Companies belonging to the Town, to wit by the Governors Horse & Foot Guards, by the first Company of militia commanded by Capt. Clark Valle & by the new raised Corps of artillerists, all in compleat uniform, and transacted the annual Business of the Society —

The doings of the last meeting being read, the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurers Acct produced their report, which was read & accepted & is as follows,

" Estimate of the funds of the Society of the Cincinnati July 4th 1798

" Six per Cents —	7875-22	
" Deduct Reimbursements	431-40	7443-82
" Three per Cents —		1646-36
" Deferred — — —		2896-68
		11986-86
" 2 per Ct. Settlmt. Notes 18 67/90		18-75
" Total amount — Dollars		12,005-61

" Amount of 6 p' Cent purchased 1348 94/100 Dolls

" Errors excepted

" p' Nathan Beers

" We the Subscribers having examined
" the above Estimate find the same correct

" William Munson
" Elias Hilliard
" Stephen Allen

D^r The Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati in Cash

1797 July 5	To postage Letter	18		18
Sept^r 10	To paid Rec^d Samuel Mills	70 —	70	
18	To D^o. Tho^s Stewart for dinner D^o 4 July as p. Bill		125	
	To D^o. sundry expenses for D^o		14	99
Oct^r 26	To D^o. Charles Miller		20	—
1798 Jan^y 22	To D^o. M^rs Hart		50	
31	To D^o. Ellen De Forrest		15	
Feb^y 1	To D^o. widow Ells		10	
March 6	To D^o. Barnard Lamarquesie		30	
apr^l 5	To D^o. Col^o Tallmadge crow Jaw of D^o		40	
May 9	To D^o. for proved of attorney to draw int.		—	50
	To D^o. for Six per cent^s Stock 187 6/100 at 15/2		141	85
	To D^o. Comm^s on above purchase 2 per C^t.		2	88
	To D^o. Ellen Deforrest		15	—
	To D^o. M^rs Ells		10	
	To D^o. Col^o Jonathan Johnson		40	
	To Ballance due the Society		585	40
			326	9
		Dollars	911	49

We the Subscribers appointed to audit the Accounts of the Society of the Cincinnati for the year past, have examined and find the above ballance of three hundred twenty

Account with Nathan Beers — Cr

1797			
July 5	By Ballance due on former acct	216	5
	By Joseph Higgins deposited as Sec. Mak. 30 dollars tax 2	32	0
aug.	By 1 Quarters interest on Loan of Hartford to 1 July	103	75
Sept. 30	By 1 ditto on D. N. York to D.	23	72
Oct 2	By 1 ditto on D. D. to 1 Oct.	23	72
14	By 1 ditto on D. Hartford to D.	103	75
1798			
Jany 31	By reimbursement, Dividends D. Hartford	225	62
May	By ditto 2 two Quarters interest N York	79	7
14	By 1 Quarters interest Hartford to 1 ap	103	75
	Dollars	911	43

Errors excepted
Nathan Beers

Nathan Beers Treasurer of the Connecticut Mak. examined the charges with the vouchers, and his Credit six Dollars 70 in favour of the Society

William Russell
Silas Hillhouse
Stephen Ellis

the Society next proceeded to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year, & the following were duly elected

Col. Benjamin Talmadge President
General David Smith Vice President
Maj Tho' y. Seymour Secretary
Mr Nathan Beers - Treasurer
Lieut John Mix assistant Secretary
Lieut. Ezekiel P Belden assist Treasurer

Several applications were made to the Society by Indigent persons through the Committee appointed for the purpose, to whom the following sums were respectively granted ——

Capt John Riley	the p[r]o to himself	50 dollars
Capt Stanton (Capt[n] Wm Ball		20 dollars
Lieut Charles Mallet	the p[r]o to M Whiting	30
Ellen de Forrest	to Salmon Hubbell	30
Evelin Bark	to his uncle John Bark	60
Col. Jona. Johnson	to Eliz Hubbard Esq[r]	60
widow Catharine Sutliff	to Capt Lawrence	24
	Dollars	274

The Payments to be made agreeably to the Standing Rules of the Society

Voted That the following gentlemen be a committee to receive & communicate the applications of necessitous persons to the next annual meeting

Hartford — Capt. J. Williams. John Morris
Newhaven Nathan Beers Stephen Allen
New London Wm. Richards Capt Bill
Fairfield Timothy Taylor Salmon Babbell
Windham Governor Trumbull. Col. Grosvenor
Litchfield David Sadlon. Elijah Wadsworth
Middlesex Gov. Wolcott — Capt Savage
Tolland Gov. Chapman — M. Walbridge

Voted That Maj. William Munson Capt. Elias Shillwell & M. Stephen Allen be auditors of the Treasurers accounts & report make at the next annual meeting of the Society

Voted That the expenses of the Day be paid out of the funds of the Society & that Maj. Cowles, Seymour, & M. Williams be a committee to ascertain & adjust them

Resolved that the Delegates chosen by this State Society to attend the next triennial general meeting to be holden in Philadelphia in May next, be instructed to agree to such amendments to the Constitution of the General Society of the Cincinnati as they may deem necessary which when ratified by the Societies of nine States, shall be binding upon the Societies to ratify the same —

The Ballot being taken the following Gentlemen were chosen, any three of whom are desired to attend the next General meeting —

Lieut. Benjn Talmadge.
Lieut. Jeremiah Wadsworth
Genl. David Smith
Genl. Elisha Huntington
Mr. Nathan H. Whiting

Voted that the Secretary present the thanks of the Society to Mr Day for the Oration spoken by him

this Day & request a Copy of the same for publication & the Secretary is directed to have 300 struck off at the Expense of the Society for their use, & he is at the same time directed to purchase for the use of the Society 300 of the orations delivered this Day by Mr. Theodore Dwight Jr. in case his oration shall be printed at the expence of the City of Hartford —

Voted That the expenses of Mr. Dwight in coming to, staying at Hartford & returning home be defrayed out of the funds of this Society, & that the Secretary adjust the amount of Expense & draw an order therefor on the Treasurer of the Society

Voted That the Secretary present the thanks of the Society to the several Military Companies in Hartford

Voted that the Secretary present the Warrant of the Society to the Selectmen & Gentlemen of Hartford who were to polit as Wardens & the Society with entering such parts of Musick this day at the meeting House

(Vol.o 2)

Records

of the

Connecticut State Society of Cincinati,

July 4th A.D 1799;

Being the Twenty fourth year of the Independence

of the United States of America.

At an annual meeting of the Connecticut State Society of Cincinati at the City of New Haven on the 4th. day of July A.D 1799 — being the 24th. year of the independence of the United States of America. ——

Present about forty members

The members having convened in the State house, moved in procession to the brick meeting house, where the exercises of the day were introduced by prayer, — after which the declaration of independence was read, — Mr. Tutor Lewis, at the request of the President, delivered an oration on the apparent, and real situation of the United States, at the present period. — The Hont. David Daggett Esqr., in an oration, delivered at the request of the citizens, exhibited ~~exhibited~~ a comparative view of the nature and consequences of the principles pursued by reason and common sense, and by the modern theorizing ~~modern~~ philosophers, in the great practical concerns of life. — Sundry pieces of Sacred music were performed — The audience was respectable, numerous, brilliant, and to appearance, highly satisfied with the exhibitions of the day. — Prayer closed the public exercises. ——

The Society then mooved in like order of procession to the house of Col.° Prentice; being escorted by the Company of foot ~~guards and~~ matrofs, where they transacted the annual busineſs of the Society. —

The doings of the last meeting having been read, the Commtt. appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts, produced their Report, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz,

"Estimate of the funds of the Connecticut State Society of Cincinati July 4.th 1799." —

Six ℔ Cent ——	7875 – 22	
deduct reimbursment	588 – 87	7286 – 35
Three ℔ Cent		1646 – 36
Deferred		2896 – 68
		$11,829 . 39
2 Final Settlement Notes 18 67/90		18 – 75
		$11848 – 14

Six ℔ Cents purchased from May 94, to May 98, inclusive $1348 94/100 —

New Haven July 4.th 1799. Errors excepted, ℔ Nathan Beers. —

We the Subscribers have examined the above estimate, and find the same correct. —

New Haven July 4.th 1799. — Elias Stiliwell, William Munson, Stephen Alling } Auditors. —

D^r. The Connecticut State Society of Cincinnati in Cash Acct.

1798 July 4th	To paid David Bull for dinner &c	75	27
	To d^o Col^o Johnson	30	
July 25	To d^o for portage on Orations		25
Aug^t 10	To d^o John Riley	50	
11	To d^o Evelyn Hart	60	
20	To d^o the Presidents two drafts	15	13
Oct^r 18th	To d^o William Stanton	20	
	To d^o Presidents draft for printing Orations	23	
Dec^r 9th	To d^o Charles Miller	20	
10	To d^o for portage		8
29th	To d^o for power of Att^y	1	25
Jan^y 14	To d^o Ellen Desorest	15	
Feb^y 12	To d^o Charles Miller	10	
5	To d^o Widow Sutliff	24	
June	To d^o Hudson & Goodwin bill for printing	16	67
	To d^o Ellen Desorest	15	
	To d^o Col^o Johnson	30	
		405	65
1799 July 4th	To balance due the Society	583	75
	Dollars	989	40

New Haven July 4th 1799,
Errors excepted,
Nathan Burr.

with Nathan Burs ——— Cr

1798			
July 4	By balt due on former Account ———	326	3
	By Interest on funds at Hartford July 4th ———	103	75
Novr 4	By — dº — — — — — dº — October — dº —	103	75
1799			
Jan.y 7	By Interest and reimbursment on Funds at Hartford Jan.y quarter ———	225	62
30	By three quarters interest and reimbursment on Funds at New York ———	102	78
Apl 11	By Interest on funds at Hartford Apl 4th —	103	75
May 20	By — dº — on dº N. York — Apl — dº —	23	72
	Dollars ———	$ 989	40

We the Subscribers being appointed to audit the accounts of Nathan Burs Treasurer of the Connecticut State Society of Cincinati for the year past, have attended to the same, and find the above balance of Five hundred eighty three dollars 75 Cents in favour of the Society. ——

N. Haven July 4th 1799. —

Elias Stillwell
William Munson } Auditors —
Stephen Alling

The Society then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing year; — the ballots having been taken, the following Gentlemen were declared to be duly elected; — viz, Colo. Benjamin Tallmadge President
Genl. David Smith Vice President
Colo. John Mix Secretary
Mr. Nathan Burs Treasurer
Colo. Joseph Walker Assistant Secretary
Colo. Solomon Cowles Assistant Treasurer. —

Genl. Wilcox and Colo. Mix were were appointed a Committee to receive any applications that may be made by those who consider themselves as candidates for admission into this Society, and Report make of such applicants, together with their opinion on the propriety and justice of their said claims.

The above said Committee Reported that application had been made to them by Messrs. Asa Goldridge, son of the late Colo. Hezekiah Goldridge decd, and Ulysses Seldon, son of Capt. Ezra Seldon decd., who both claim a right of membership on account of their said fathers; — they being fully identified as sons, and eldest sons of their said fathers; — the Committe

do consider them as regular and proper members of this Society.—

Which Report was accepted;—— and the names of Asa Goldridge, and Ulisses Seldon, ordered to be enrolled in the books of this Society, as members thereof.———

Sundry applications were made for relief, by indigent members, their widows, and orphans, through the Committees appointed for that purpose;— to whom the following sums were respectively granted.— viz;———

For Evelyn Bark ——— 60 dlls — paid. N. Beers —
do. Charles Miller ——— 20 — do —— do. N. F. Whiting
do. Sarah Leavenworth —— 20 — do —— do. N. Beers —
do. John R. Throop ——— 70 — do. (on demand) — himself. —
do. Ellen Deforrest ——— 20 — do — paid L. Hubbell
do. Capt Stanton ——— 20 — do —— do — Wm Bull —
do. Rev. Saml. Mills ——— 70 — do. (on demand) — himself —
do. Abigail Ells ——— 15 — do. } — paid Capt Savage.
do. Hannah Ells ——— 15 — do. }
do. Catharine Sutliff ——— 24 — do. }
do. Col. Jonathan Johnson — 35 — do —— do. E. Hubbard.

Dollars 369

The payment of

which sums to be made by the Treasurer agreably to the standing rules of the Society, excepting where it is otherwise particularly noted. —

Voted, — that the following Gentlemen be Committies for the several Counties in which they respectively reside, to receive and communicate the application of necessitous persons, who have a claim on the charity of this Society, to the next annual meeting; viz, Hartford, Col.° John Mix, Capt. Sam.l W.m Williams. —
N. Haven, Mr.r Nathan Burr, Stephen Allyn. —
N. London, Col.° W.m Richards, Gen.l E. Huntington
Fairfield, Col.° Tim.° Taylor, Capt. Z. Hubbell —
Windham, Col.° Tho.° Grosvenor, Gen.l N. Cleveland —
Litchfield, Gen.l D. Judson, Maj.r E. Wadsworth. —
Middlesex, Gen.l Wilcox, Capt. Savage. —
Tolland, Gen.l Chapman, Maj.r P. Walbridge —

Voted, — that Major William Munson, Capt. Elias Stilwell, and M.r Stephen Allyn be a Committee to audit the Treasurers accounts, and Report to the next annual meeting. —

Voted, — that the expence of the day be paid from the funds of the Society; being for a very elegant dinner &.c, furnished by Col.° Prentice; and

that the gentlemen last above named, adjust the bill and draw on the Treasurer for the amount. —

Voted, — that the President and Secretary be the corresponding committee of this Society for the year ensuing. —

Resolved, — that Col.° Benjamin Talmadge, Col.° Jeremiah Wadsworth, Gen.° David Smith, Gen.° Eben.° Huntington and M.° Nathan H. Whiting who were appointed Delegates by this Society to the last General meeting of the Cincinati, be still considered as our deligates to the general meeting to be held at Philadelphia on the first monday in May next by adjournment; — and that the same powers be still continued which were given to the Delegates at the last meeting on the 4.th of July 1798. —

Resolved, — that our deligates be instructed to propose and agree to such additions and amendments to the original constitution as they may judge necessary, particularly as relative to the admission of members. —

Voted, — that Mess.rs Burr and H. Daggett be desired to wait on M.° Tutor Lewis, with the thanks of this Society, for his interesting, and well adapted oration delivered this day, and request of him a Copy for publication: — 250 copies to be printed at

the expence of the Society; — and a like number of Mr. Daggett's purchased, should that be printed at by the Citizens.

Voted, — that Messrs. Burr and T. Daggett be requested to return the most cordial thanks of this Society to the officers and privates of the Matross Company, for their pointed and Soldier like attention to the various duties of the day; — as also to the Ladies and gentlemen of the City for their highly entertaining performances in the various pieces of Music performed during the public exhibitions at the meeting house. —

Voted, — that the Treasurer be directed to distribute the orations to the several County Committees, at the expence of the Society. —

The meeting adjourned without day —

John Mix Secretary

At an annual meeting of the Connecticut State Society of Cincinnati at the City of Hartford, July 4th A.D. 1800, being the 25th year of the independence of the United States of America. ——

present, —— the President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and about forty members of the Society. ——

The members of the Society having convened in the Court house moved in procession to the North meeting house, where the public exercises of the day were introduced by prayer, —— after which the declaration of independence was read; —— an elegant and well adapted oration was delivered by Nathaniel Terry Esq^r, at the request of the President; —— Sundry select pieces of Sacred music were performed by the ladies and gentlemen of the City; —— the exercises were closed by prayer; —— the audience was very numerous and respectable, and appeared highly entertained with the public exhibitions of the day; — the Society returned in like order of procession to the Court house, being escorted both in going to, and return=

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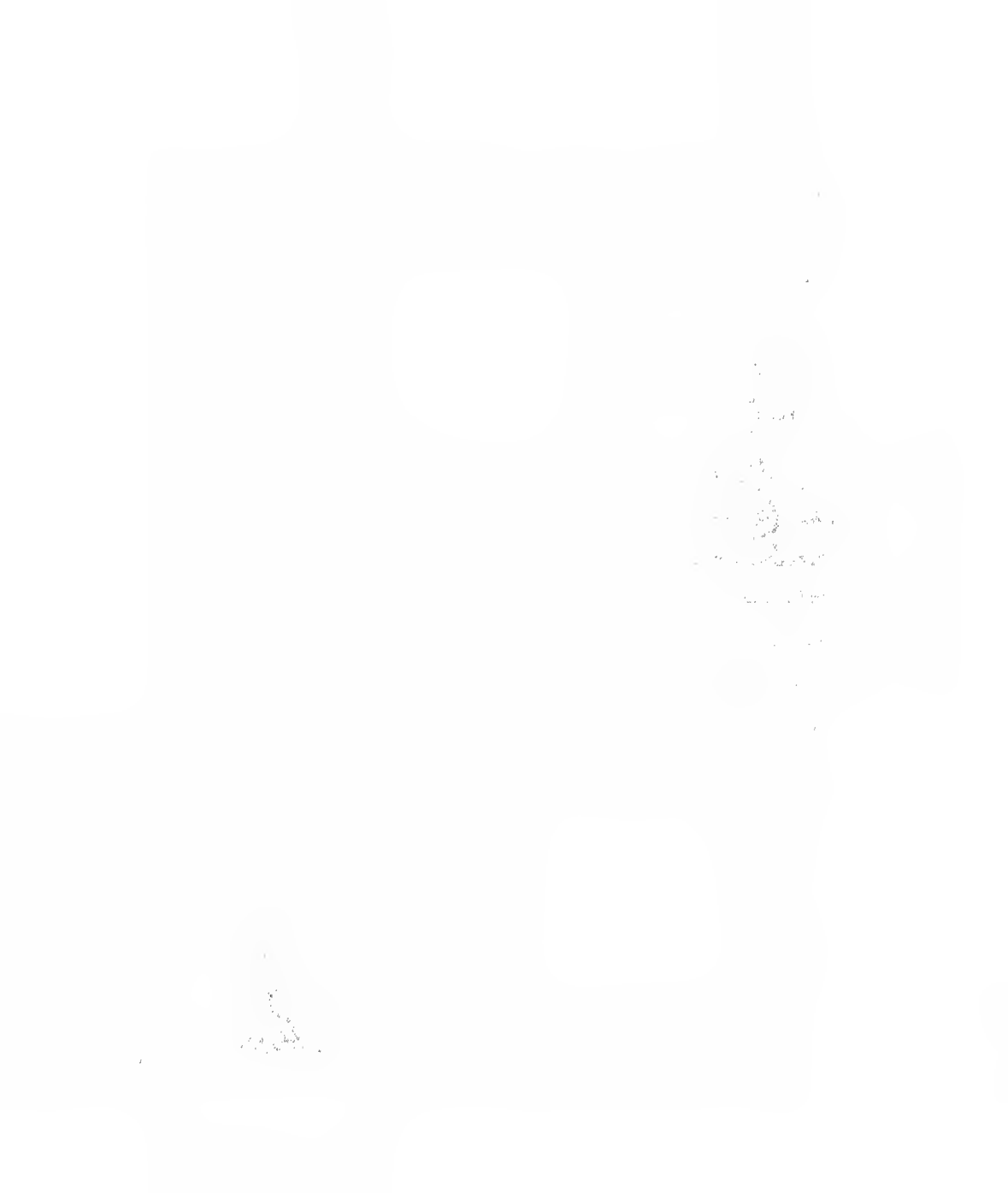

from the meeting by the Companies of Matrofs and foot guards, accompanied by an exellent Band of Musick —

The proceedings of the last meeting having been read agreeably to the Regulation of the Society; — the Committ., viz, Major Munson, Capt. Rittwell, and Mr. Stephen Alling who were appointed to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer, produced their Report; — on examination there appeared some little inacuracy in the statement. — Whereupon it was ordered that it be recommited to them again for the purpose of making the neufary corrections, and Report to the next annual meeting. —

The Society then proceeded to the choice of Officers for the year ensuing; — the Ballots having been taken, the following gentlemen were declared as duly elected to the offices affixed to their names respectively, viz,

Col°. Benjamin Tallmadge President. —
Gen°. David Smith Vice President. —
Col°. John Mix Secretary. —
Nathan Beers Esq°. Treasurer. —
Col°. Joseph Walker Aft. Secretary. —
Col°. Solomon Lowles Aft. Treasurer. —

Sundry applications were made for relief by indigent members their widow, and orphans, through the several County Committees appointed for that purpose; — for whose benefit the following sums were granted, — viz, —

Capt Peleg Heath	$ 70 —	to be paid Col° John Mix
Capt John Riley	50 —	d° Capt S. W. Williams
Lieut Charles Miller	20 —	d° Capt Amasa Thayer
Widow Sarah Leavenworth	20 —	d° N. Beers Esq.
Widow Eleanor Deforrest	20 —	d° Capt Z. Hubbell
Lieut Elias Robinson	40 —	d° Gen. M. Cleveland
Capt William Stanton	20 —	d° Col° Tallmadge
Widow Katharine Suttiff	20 —	d° Capt Savage.
	$ 250 —	

The payment of which sums to be made by the Treasurer agreeably to the standing rules of the Society. —

Voted, — that the following gentlemen be Committee for the several Counties in which they respectively reside, to receive and communicate the applications of necessitous persons who have a claim on the charity of this Society, to the next annual meeting, — viz,

Hartford, Col° John Mix, Sam. W. Williams Esq. —
N. Haven, Mess. Nathan Beers, Stephen Allyn. —
N. London, Gen. Ebn. Huntington Col° Wm Richards. —
Fairfield, Col° Sim° Taylor, Capt Z. Hubbell. —

Windham, Genl Moses Cleveland Colo Tho Grosvenor —
Litchfield, Genl David Judson, James Morris Esqr. —
Middlesex, Genl Joseph Wilcox, Capt Savage. —
Tolland, Genl Elijah Chapman, Major Porter Walbridge. —

Voted, — that in future the several County Committees shall Report to the annual meetings of the Society, such proper subjects for the Society to exercise their charity upon, that may come to their knowledge, within their respective Counties, tho' no direct application should be made to them for that purpose. —

Voted, — that Major Munson, Capt Stillwell, and Mr S. Allyn be appointed a Committee to audit and adjust the Treasurers accounts and Report to the next meeting. —

Voted, — that the deligates to the last general meeting at Philad: retain all the powers and authorities that have been vested in them for that purpose, or by their said appointment, untill the next annual meeting of the Society. —

Voted, — that the Treasurer be directed to pay the bills of expence as exhibited by the deligates to the last general meeting; — Colo Tallmadge's amounting to £95. 82 — Genl Huntington's to £35. — and charge the Society. —

Voted, — that the expence of the day be paid from the funds, and that Colo Mix, and Major Seymour be a Committee to liquidate the bills and draw on the Treas: for the amount. —

Voted, — that Major Tho.s Y. Seymour be requested to wait on Nathaniel Terry Esq.r, and present him the thanks of this Society for his excellent and well adapted oration this day pronounced, and request ~~them~~ a Copy thereof for publication.—

Voted; — that the thanks of the Society be presented to the Ladies and gentlemen of the City, for the various, and well performed pieces of music they were so obliging as to entertain us with during the public exhibitions at the meeting house; — and also to Commissioned, Non Commissioned officers, Musicians, and privates of the military companies who attended on the parade of the day, for the peculiarly soldierlike spirit, skill, and promptitude, with which they performed the various duties devolving on them. — Major Seymour is requested to do this service for the Society. —

Voted; — that Gen.l Smith and Col.o Mix be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine the Constitution of the Society, and the regulations that have been heretofore adopted, respecting those who succeed as members on the right of their fathers, particularly in their minority, and their power of voting &c. in said State of minority, and report make to the next annual meeting, with their opinion thereon. —

Voted; — that Col.o Wadsworth, Gen.l Wyllys, and Col.o Tallmadge be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to petition the

Legislature at their next session, for an act to incorporate the Society, for the purpose of giving security and permanency to its funds. —

Voted, — that the testimonial of Respect for the memory of our late illustrious President, General Washington, as entered on the proceedings of the general meeting at Philadelphia in May last, be also entered on the Records of this Society, and printed with the oration this day delivered: — which is as follows, viz, "Under the most profound impression of veneration and affection, the society of the Cincinnati, at a general meeting, are called upon to express the mournful tributes of their sorrow, at that awful dispensation of providence, which has recently removed from their council, their much revered and lamented President General. —

The arduous, tho' successful struggle which terminated in establishing the liberties of our Country, and in which they fought under his banners, and shared with him the dangers and toils of the field, attached him to this Society by ties of the most intimate and endearing nature. — His valor and prudence seemed to controul the events of war; led the American armies to victory, and atchieved the

Independence of their Country; — whilst mingling their tears with those of their fellow-citizens, they are naturally impelled to pour out the effusions of a deeper regret, for the irreparable loss which they have sustained. —

But it is not only their relationship to this illustrious character, as Soldiers, that the Society of Cincinnati have cause to deplore his loss. —

When the storm of war had ceased to rage, and the blessings of peace had been restored, their Country was suffering under the weakness of a confederation which threatned the existence of that Union, which their joint efforts in arms had so essentially contributed to establish. —

With his auspicious co-operation a constitution was formed, calculated by its wisdom and energy, to redeem us from that prostrate state, to which we had been reduced, and restore that reputation which our Country had lost, from the imbecility of the old system. — The administration of the government was committed to his care, and his Country will ever hold in grateful remembrance, the inflexible virtue and fortitude, with which he conducted its affairs, and saved it from the effects of domestic faction and foreign intrigue. —

After a second retirement from the active scenes of public life, in which his merits as a Statesman, rivaled his fame as a Soldier, his Country, at the approach of danger, again required his services. — The crisis was important, and the situation delicate; — a Nation which had mingled its blood with ours, in the defence of our liber=
=ties, had now assumed a hostile appearance. — A war from this unexpected quarter threatened the peace of our Country. —

Washington, who never hesitated when urged by a sense of duty, obeyed the call of government; — he again abandoned his beloved retirement, hazarded a reputation, consummate in every point of view, and assumed the com=
=mand of the armies. — His military companions who had frequently witnessed the magnanimity of his conduct in seasons of adversity, as well as of triumph, felt the full force of their Country's appeal to arms, while Washington was their leader. —

In this momentous crisis of our affairs, by the inscrutable decrees of Heaven, he was snatched from America and the world. — Under this pressure of calamity, which more peculiarly operates upon the sensibilities of this Society, their only consolation is derived from the animating reflection,

that altho' he is summoned to the enjoyment of the happy destinies of a future state, the bright example of his virtues and talents will still survive, and the inheritance of his name prove a future incen=
=tive to heroes and legislators, who will strive to emulate his fame, and merit the glory he has acquired."

The meeting adjourned without day.

John Mix Secretary

At an annual meeting of the Connecticut State society of Cincinnati at the City of New Haven, July 4th A.D. 1803, being the 26th year of the independance of the United States of America; —

present, — the president, vice president, and the other officers of the society, with about thirty five members. —

The meeting having formed at the Court house moved in procession to the brick meeting house, where the public exercises of the day were introduced by prayer; after which the declaration of independence was read by the Secretary; — an oration was delivered by Theodore Dwight Esq at the request of the president; — sundry select pieces of sacred music were performed by the Ladies and gentlemen of the City, highly to the credit of the performers, and to the entertainment of the society and audience; the exercises were closed by prayer. The Society moved in like order of procession to the assembly room, where they partook of a very elegant dinner composed of all the varieties of the season. — The proceedings of the last meeting

having been read agreeably to the regulations of the society, the Committe appointed to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer made their report, which was accepted, and is as follows, — viz. —

Estimate of the funds of the Connecticut State Society of Cincinnati, July 4th 1805. —

Six ℘ Cent Stock — — — —	℔8423–4	
Deduct reimbursments to Apl. 1805.	1196–68	
		7226–36
Defered Stock — — — — — — — —		2896–68.
Three ℘ Cent do. — — — — — — — —		1646–36
		℔11769–40

2 final settlement Certificate 18 67/90

New Haven July 4. 1805. — Errors excepted,

Nathan Beers. —

We have examined the above estimate, and find the same accurate. — Elias Stilwill, William Minson, Stephen Alling } Auditors

(Yearly interest is ℔656.78.) —

D.r the Connecticut State Society of Cincinnati in Cash Acct.

1800 July	5. To paid David Bull's bill	71	67
10	To do. for power of attorney to draw interest	1	—
	To " postage letter	—	11
	To " Col. Benj.n Tallmadge	91	82
	To Gen.l Eben.r Huntington	85	—
18.	To " Capt Peleg Heath	70	—
22	To " Capt William Hanlon	20	
Aug.t 2	To " Capt John Riley	50	—
Sep.r	To " Charles Miller	20	—
Sept.r 8	To " Elias Robinson	30	
10	To " Ellin.r Desaussure	20	
Oct.r 9.	To " postage	—	8
	To " Tho.s Y.s Seymour for fire Company	6	—
10	To " postage	—	8
27.	To " Sarah Leavenworth	20	—
Nov.r	To " postage (two charges)	—	24
March	To Col.o Nixon after bill of David Bull's	6.	50
29. 1801			
Sept.r 8 May	To " postage, (three charges)	—	46
	To 6 Hent's stock purchased 547.82		
	deduct reimbursement 77.84		
	469.98 D.r 8	415.	20
	To paid Catharine Sutliff	20	—
		928.	16
	To balance due the Society	397.	80
		325	96

with Nathan Beers

1800 July 5	By balance due on former Acct		629 84
	" 1 quarters Interest at Hartford	103.75	
Oct 1	By 2 d° New York	53.44	
	" 1 d° at Hartford, to 1st Oct	103.75	
1801 Jan 1	By 1 d° and Reimbursment Hartford	225.62	
	" 1 d° and d° N. York	62.35	
April	By 1 d° at Hartford	45	
	" 1 d° at d° on dividend	52.20	
			696 12
			$1325 96

July 1801 Errors excepted,

Nathan Beers.

We the subscribers being appointed to audit the accounts of Nathan Beers Treasurer of the Connecticut State Society of Cincinnati for the year past, have examined the charges with the vouchers and his credits, and find a balance of three hundred ninety seven dollars eighty cents in favour of the Society.

New Haven July 4th 1801

Elias Stilwell
William Munson
Stephen Alling
} Auditors

The Society then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, — the ballots having been taken, the following gentlemen were declared to be duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their names respectively, viz, —

Gen.l David Smith President
Gen.l Joseph Walker Vice President
Col.o John Mix Secretary —
Nathan Beers Esq.r Treasurer —
Col.o Timothy Taylor Ass.t Secretary
Col.o Solomon Cowles Ass.t Treasurer. —

The Gentlemen hereafter named were appointed delegates to attend the general meeting of the Society at the City of Washington in May next, viz Gen.l David Smith Col.o Benj.a Talmadge Gen.l Ebenezer Huntington, Gen.l Joseph Walker, Col.o Tim.o Taylor. —

Whereas some gentlemen who are entitled to become members of this Society, by various causes have omitted to make the requisite deposits; — Whereupon Resolved, that in all cases of the foregoing description, the applicant or applicants may have liberty to lodge his or their notes with

the Treasurer for the amount of one months pay including interest from the first of July 1800, payable on or before the first of July 1802, with interest from the date, or pay such amount in cash, which when paid shall entitle such applicant to become a member of this institution; —— and for the present, any persons in this situation are requested to associate with the Society. ——

The Committee appointed at the annual meeting in July last for the purpose of examining the constitution and subsequent regulations of the Society, relative to those who succeed as members on the right of their fathers decd, their power of voting &c. during their minority, made the following report, viz, "that we have made the examination as "directed by our appointment, and do not find any thing "either in the constitution, or any subsequent regulation of "the Society respecting those who are, or have a right of "membership while in their minority; — and that it is "our opinion they ought to be considered as members in every "sense except in the power of voting in any of the meetings of the "society, and that this right they ought not to be permitted "to exercise untill they arrive at the age of twenty one

" years. — all which is submitted by,

" New Haven } David Smith }
" July 7th 1801 } John Mix } Committee

Which report was accepted, and ordered to be entered on the records of the Society; — and that the principles therein contained relative to minor members, be adopted as a permanent regulation. —

The Committ. appointed to petition the Legislature of this State for an act of incorporation, made a verbal report, which was in substance, that they had presented a memorial in the name and behalf of the society to the Gen. Assembly ~~that~~ as directed, that had paid all necessary attention to the buiness, and that the application was negatived. —

Voted, — that the expences incur'd in prosecuting the above said petition for an act of incorporation before the Gen. Assembly of this State, be paid by the Treasurer of the Society, when approbated by the President) —

Sundry applications were made for relief by indigent members their widows and orphans, for whose benefit the

following sums were granted, — viz. —

to	Lieut Charles Miller	40	to be paid	N. P. Whiting Esq.
"	Capt Peleg Heath	30	"	Col. John Mix
"	Capt John Riley	30	"	Col. E. P. Belden
"	Widow Sarah Leavenworth	15	"	Nathan Beers Esq.
"	Capt Wm Stanton	30	"	Col. B. Tallmadge
"	Widow Eben Deforest	20	"	Capt Z. Hubbell
"	Rev. Sam. Mills	30	"	Gen. Wilcox
"	Col. Jon. Johnson	20	"	Capt Jno. Staver
		£215		

The payment of all which sums to be made by the Treas. agreeably to the stated rules of the Society, and to the persons hereby appointed to receive the same in trust for the relief of those to whom the grants are severally made.

Voted, — That the following gentlemen be Committees for the several Counties in which they respectively reside, to receive and communicate the applications of necessitous persons who have a claim on the charity of this Society to the next annual meeting, viz, —

Hartford County, — Col. John Mix, Col. Eph. P. Belden —
New Haven " Nathan Beers, Esq. Capt. Stephen Alling
New London Gen. Eben. Huntington, Col. David P. Sill. —
Fairfield — Col. Sim. Taylor, Capt. Talmon Hubbell. —

Windham, Colo. Tho.s Grosvenor, Genl. Moses Cleveland —
Litchfield, Genl. David Smith, Colo. Epht.a Kirby —
Middlesex, Genl. Joseph Wilcox, Elijah Hubbard Esqr.
Tolland, Genl. Elijah Chapman, Majr. Porter Walbridge

Voted, — That Majr. Stilwell, Capt.n S. Allyn, and Mr. Henery Daggett be a Committe to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer up to the close of the present year, and report the state of the funds in his hands at that time, to the next meeting. —

Voted, — that the Treasurer be directed to invest the surplus interest and reimbursments as fast as it comes into his hands, in any stock of the United States, or bank stock at his discretion. —

Voted, — that Colo. Benjamin Tallmadge be requested to wait on Theodore Dwight Esqr. and present him the thanks of this Society for his oration delivered before them this day; and that the Treasurer be requested to procure 300 copies of the same for the use of the members. —

15 to 10. —

Voted, — that the dining expences of the day be paid from the funds; — and that Mess.rs P. Daggett, J. Starr, and S. Alyng be a Commtt.e to liquidate the Bills and draw on the Treasurer for the amount. —

Voted, — that Maj.r Judd and Col.o Taylor be a Commtt.e to examine the claims of Evelyn Hart to a right of membership in this Society; — who after a short examination reported, that he was the only son of Maj.r Jonathan Hart dec.d, and there could be no doubt but that he was entitled to succeed his said father; — Whereupon it was ordered that the name of said Evelyn Hart be registered on the books of the Society as a member thereof. —

Voted, — that the name of James M. Scott be entered on the books of the Society as a member, he having produced the following certificate. — "Boston Dec.r 12.th 1800, these "may certify that Ensign James M. Scott is a member of "the Massachusetts Society of Cincinnati, he having deposited "a month pay towards the establishment of the funds agreeably "to the institution of the Society." P. Jackson Treasurer of the Massachusetts Society. —

The meeting was then dissolved.

John.r Mix Secretary. —

At an annual meeting of the Connecticut State Society of Cincinnati at the City of Hartford, July 5th 1802, being the 27th year of the Independance of the United States of America; — present, the President, Vice President, and the other officers of the Society, with about forty members. —

The members of the Society having convened at the Court House, moved in procession to the North presbeterian Church, where the exercises of the day were introduced by reading the declaration of independance; after which a prayer was made by Rev. Doct. Strong, and an oration delivered by Mr. Silliman a Tutor of Yale College; — Sundry select piece of musick were performed by the Ladies and gentlemen of the City, highly to the credit of the performers, and to the entertainment of the Society and audience. — After the public exercises of the day were closed, the Society returned in like order of procession to the Court House and transacted the annual business of the Society. —

Rev. William Lockwood presented a certificate, of which the following is a copy — viz,

"Camp West point June 28th 1783, Rec.d of Mr William Lockwood Chaplain to the first Massachusetts Brigade, "his order in my favor on John Pierce Esq.r Pay master Gen.l of "the American Army for the full amount of one months "pay, to be appropriated to the establishment of a fund "agreable to the Institution of the society of Cincinnati. —

"Henry Jackson Treas.r Mass.tts Society"

Whereupon ordered, that the said Certificate be Recorded, and the name of the Rev.d William Lockwood be Registered on the books of this Society as a member thereof.

Gen.l Cleveland and Elijah Hubbard Esq.rs were appointed a Committee to examine the pretentions of those who claimed a right of admission as members of the Society, — and to Report. ——

The Committee which was appointed at the last annual meeting to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer, made their Report, which was read and accepted; —— and is as follows — viz, ——

The Connecticut Yale Society of the Cincinnati

1804			
July 8	To cash paid Capt John Riley & Col° Belden	30	
	To d° — Peleg Heath & Col° Mix	30	
	To paid Col° Fallmadge's bill for attending Assembly	24	44
	To d° Col° John Mix for a book		
	To d° Isaac Burs & Co for paper and quills		29
	To d° — Sundries for the Diners		40
	To d° Green & Son for printing Toasts	1	50
	To d° J. Butler's bill for dinner &c	18	62
	To d° postage of letters		40
Aug.t 14	To d° Charles Miller	40	
Sept. 23	To d° Sarah Leavenworth	15	
Oct. 22	To d° G. H. for printing 300 copies Mr Dwight's Oration	45	
24	To d° paid Col° Johnson & Theophat Kerr	20	
Dec. 22	To d° Capt Stanton & Col° Fallmadge	30	
Jan.y 1805	To d° Ellen Desorest	20	
June	To d° Rev. Sam.l Mills & Rev. F. W. Fotchkiss	30	
		$ 442	66
July	To balance due the Society	871	86
	Dollars	$ 1344	52

In Cash Acct with Nathan Biers

		£	
1801 July 8	By balance due on former acct	394	80
25	By 2 quarters interest, N. York to 1st July	65	65
Aug. 10	By 1 do — do. Hartford	147	25
Oct. 10	By 1 do — do. do. to 1st October	147	25
1802 Jan. 1	By 1 do. and reimbursment	327	1
20	By 1 do. N. York to 1. October	34	93
	By 1 do — do	81	58
Apl. 8	By 1 do — Hartford	147	25
	Dollars	$1344	53

New Haven July 2. 1802.

Nathan Biers.

We the Subscribers appointed to audit the Accounts of Nathan Biers Treas. of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati for the year past, have examined the charges with the vouchers and his credits, and find the above balance of Eight hundred Twenty one dollars 86 Cents in favor of the Society.

Elias Stilwell
Stephen Alling } Committee.

New Haven July 2. 1802.

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Estimate of the funds of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati, — July 6th 1802. —

Six ⌀ Cent Stock — — — — —	8423 — 4	
Deferred — d° — — — — — —	2896 — 68 —	
Three ⌀ Cent — d° — — — — — —	1646. 36 —	
	12966 — 8	
Deduct Reimbursments on 6 ⌀ Ct. 1486.60		
d° — d° — on defer'd — — 59 —	1545 — 60	
Dollars —	11420 48	

2 final settlement Certificates 18 67/90

Errors excepted,

Nathan Beers. —

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing, and after the ballots had been taken, the gentlemen hereafter named, were declared duly elected to the several offices affixed to their names respectively, — viz, ——

Genl. David Smith President
Genl. Joseph Walker Vice President
Colo. John Mix Secretary
Nathan Burr Esqr. Treasurer
Colo. Ezekiel P. Belden Asst. Secretary
Genl. Solomon Cowles Asst. Treasurer. —

The Gentlemen hereafter named were chosen delegates to attend the next triennial general meeting of the Society to be holden at the City of Washington in May 1805, viz, Genl. David Smith
Colo. Benjamin Tallmadge
Genl. Ebenezer Huntington
Genl. Joseph Walker
Colo. David Humphrey —

Voted, That the gentlemen hereafter name be
Committee for the several Counties in which they
respectively reside, to receive and communi=
=cate the applications of necessitous persons, who
have a claim on the charity of the Society, to
the next annual meting, — viz. —

Hartford, Col.° John Mix, Col.° E. P. Belden, —
N. Haven, Nathan Burs Esq.°, Capt. S. Alling, —
N. London, Gen.° E. Huntington, Col.° Sill, —
Windham, Col.° Grosvenor, Gen.° Cleveland —
Fairfield, Capt. Z. Hubbell, Col.° Bradley. —
Litchfield, Gen.° Smith, Col.° Kirby. —
Middlesex, Gen.° Wilcox, E. Hubbard Esq.° —
Tolland, Gen.° Chapman, Major Walbridge. —

The Committee of claims made the following Report,
" viz, that Enoch Parsons is now the oldest male heir of
" Major Gen.° S. H. Parsons decs.°, and ~~hath~~ he is entitled
" to become a member in right of his said father; — and

"Ebenezer Gray of Windham a minor of about fifteen years
"of age, and is the oldest male heir of Colo Ebenezer Gray late
"a member of the Society decd., and is intitled to become
"a member as representative of his said father; — And
"also Ephraim Snow the eldest son of Lieut Ephraim Snow
"an officer in the 1st New York Regiment, decd, and as
"representative of his deceased father, is entitled to become
"a member of this Society, on condition he shall execute
"his note to the Treasurer of said Society for the usual
"deposit payable in a reasonable time, unless he can
"hereafter make it appear that his father did make the
"requisite deposite for the establishment of the funds, in this
"or the Society in the State of New York. — all which is
"submitted by, — Elijah Hubbard } Committe.
Moses Cleveland }

Whereupon Voted that the preceding Report of Committe be accepted so far as it relates to Messrs Parsons and Gray, and that their names be Registered on the books of the Society as members thereof; — and that as it relates to Mr Snow the further consideration thereof be postponed untill the next annual meeting. —

Voted, that the Treasurer be directed to pay to Col.° Benj.° Tallmadge ten dollars seventy five cents, being the amo.t of his bill of expence while attending the Gen.l meeting ~~of the Society during the pendency of the petition for an act of incorporation.~~ ——

A communication from the General meeting was Rec.d and read. — Ordered to be kept on the Secretary's files.

Sundry applications were made ~~for~~ for relief in behalf of indigent members, their widows and orphans, and for whose benefit the following sums were granted, viz), —

To Lieut Cornelius Russell —	$20	to be paid	M.r Denslow
Lt. Charles Miller — —	20.		M.r Amasa Keyes
Capt. Peleg Heath — — —	30 —		d.° —— d.°
Capt John Riley — — — —	30 —		Col.° Belden —
W.m Ellen Defoest — — —	25.		Capt Z. Hubbell
Lt. Elias Robinson — — —	50.		Gen.l Cleveland —
Capt William Stanton — —	30		Col.° Kirby —
Col.° Jonathan Johnson —	30 —		E. Hubbard Esq.r —
Rev.d Sam.l Mills — — —	20 —		Gen.l Wilcox —
	$255		

The payment of all which sums to made by the Treasurer agreably to the regulations heretofore adopted by the Society, and to the persons hereby appointed to receive the same in

trust for the relief of those for whose benefit the grants are severally made. —

Voted, that Mr. Nathan Beers be requested to present the thanks of this Society to Mr. Benj.ⁿ Silliman for his oration delivered before them this day, and request a copy thereof for the press; — and that he procure three hundred at the expence of the Society for the use of the members. —

Voted, that the expence of the day be paid from the funds of the Society; — and that Colo. Belden and Sam.l W. Williams Esqr. be a Committ. for adjusting the bills, and to draw on the Treas.ʳ for the amount. —

Voted, that the bills presented by Mr. Moore for attending at the meetings of the Society, Ringing the Bell &c. be refer'd to the aboveaid Committ. —

Voted, that Gen.l E. Huntington, Colo. Shirby and Mix be appointed agents to petition the Legislature of this State to grant an act of incorporation so far only as will be necessary to give security to the funds of the Society.

The meeting was then dissolved. —

A true entry,

Test John Mix Secretary

At an annual meeting of the Connecticut State Society of Cincinnati at the City of New Haven July 6th. 1803, being the 28th. year of the independance of the United States of America; — present, the President, Vice Presidents, and about forty members of the Society. —

There were no public exhibitions in consequence of the indisposition of the Orator; — Rev. Doctr. Dwight, at the request of the President, introduced the business of the day by a pertinent and well adapted prayer at the State house. —

The proceedings of the last meeting having been read agreably to the Regulations of the Society; — Majors Stilwell and Morris were appointed a Committee of claims. —

The Committee which was appointed at the last annual meeting to audit and adjust the Treasurer's accounts, made their Report, which was read, accepted, and is as follows, — viz, —

Estimate of the funds of the Connect. Society of Cincinnati for the Year 1803. — viz, —

Six ⅌ Cent Stock	9548.92	Reimbursm.t of	762.2		
Deferred	d.o	3118.36.	d.o		2988.4
Three ⅌ Cent	d.o	1843.92,	@ 60 ⅌ Cent		1106.32
Dollars		14511.24	Dollars		11,715.38

2 final settlement Certificates $18 67/90 —

Errors excepted

⅌ Nathan Beers —

We the Subscribers having examined the above statement do find the same to be accurate. —

Elias Hilwill
Stephen Alling
Henry Daggett Jn.
} Committee

D^r The Connecticut Society of Cincinnati in Cash accompt

1802 July 1	To paid D. Bull for dinner &c	74	84
	To d^o E. Moore's Bill for his attendance at State House	7	—
	To d^o Elias Robinson's Grant	50	—
	To d^o John Riley's — d^o	30	—
12	To d^o B. Tillman the Orator, his expences	2	85
31	To d^o William Stanton's Grant	30	—
Aug^t 9	To d^o Benjamin Tallmadge	10	75
28	To d^o for 6 ℔ Cent reimbursment off @ par	57	5
	To d^o for defred debt — d^o — @ par	34	36
	To d^o for 3 ℔ Cent, ℳ 3.24, @ 64 ℔ Cent	46	89
	To d^o for power of attorney		50
31	To d^o for portage and power of att^t	1	—
Sept^r 4	To d^o for portage on Orations from Hartford		75
30	To d^o portage		10
Oct^r 15	To d^o Jonathan Johnson's Grant	30	—
Nov^r 16	To Cornelius Russell's Grant	20	—
	To d^o F. Hy. for 300 copies Tillmans Orations	26	25
Dec^r 27	To d^o Samuel Mills Grant	20	—
1803 Jan^y 12	To d^o Peleg Heath's Grant	30	—
	To d^o Charles Miller's Grant	20	—
	To d^o for 6 ℔ Cent Stock reimbursment off at par	335	81
	To d^o for defred d^o — at par	168	54
	To d^o for 3 ℔ Cent $107 — @ 64 ℔ Cent	68	50
	To d^o for my expences to Hartford to purchase Stock	8	—
17	To d^o for power of attorney & portage	1	77
	Carried forward	1064	94

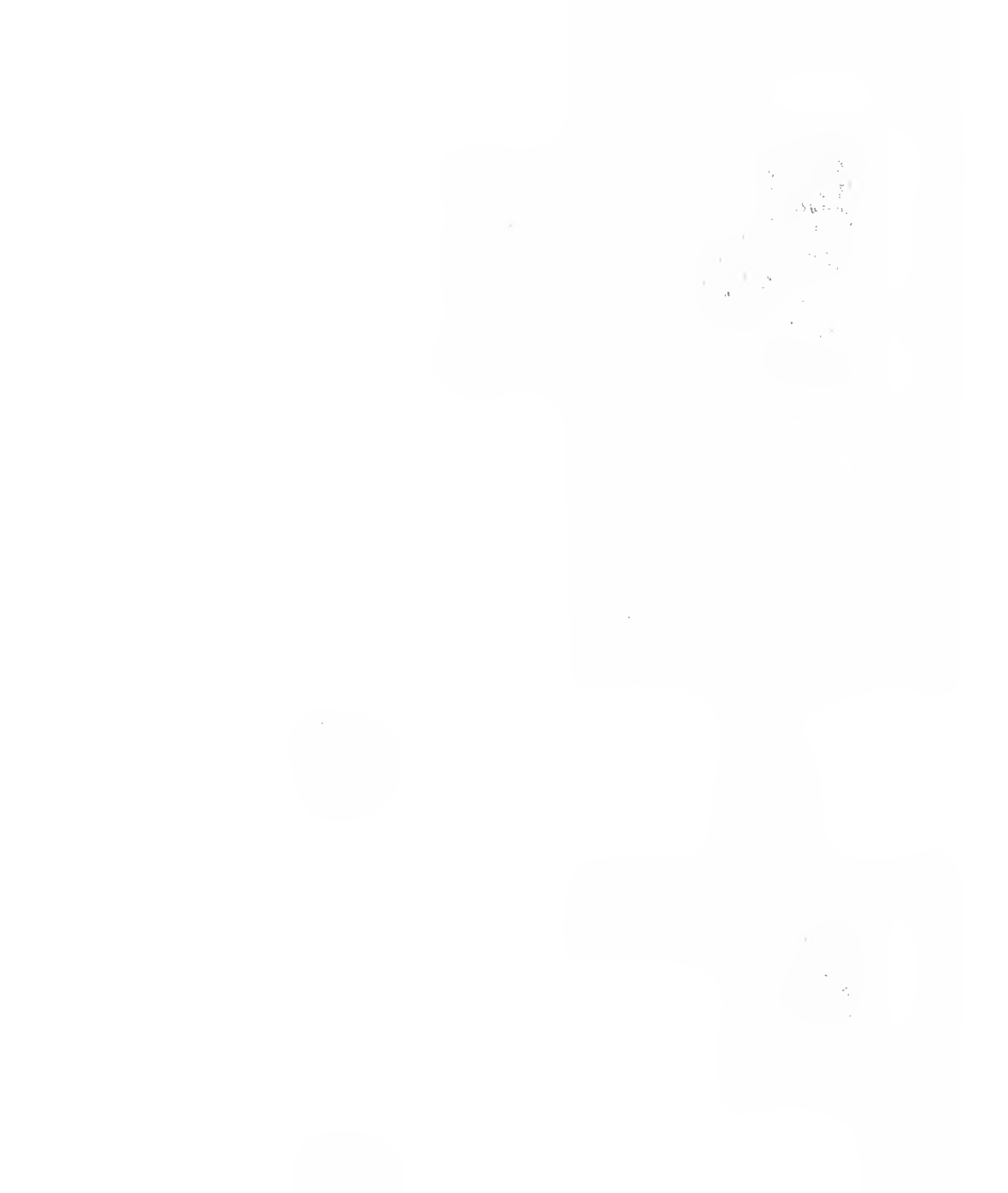
with Nathan Beers

1802	By balance of former accompt	871	86
July 4	By 1 quarters interest Hartford to 1 July	14	25
Oct. 4	By 3 quarters interest N. York to 1st of October	164	79
20	By 1 quarter – do. Hartford	149	30
1803	By 1 quarter – do. – Hartford	335	15
Jan. 10	By 1 quarter – do. – Hartford	276	16
April 23	Dollars	1880	47

Errors excepted,
New Haven June 1803. Nathan Beers.

	Brot over	1064	94
Feb. 4	To do. for 6 ⁄ Cent reimbursments of at par	18	44
28	To do. for deferred debt do. at par	11	5
	To do. for 3 ⁄ Cent $17.31. @ 60 ⁄ Cent	9	70
Mar 19	To do. James Fillhouse for transfer of Certificate	1	25
May 17	To do. 1 ⁄ Cent Commn. on $2252.74/100 to P. W. Gallaudet for receiving Int. & dividends at Hartford L. office	22	52
	To 6 ⁄ Cent Stock reimbursment off, @ 95 ⁄ Cent	466	30
	To Ellen Deforest & Grant — due	25	—
		1629	20
	To balance due the Society	251	27
	Dollars	1880	47

We the Subscribers appointed to audit the accompts of Nathan Beers Treasurer of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati for the year past, have examined the charges with the vouchers and his credits, and find the above balance of two hundred



fifty one dollars twenty seven cents in favour of the Society. —

Elias Hitchill
Stephen Alling
Henry Daggett Jr.
} Committ. —

The Society proceeded to the election of officers for the year ensuing; — the ballots having been taken, the gentlemen hereafter named were declared to be duly elected to the several offices as affixed to their names respectively — viz, —

General Joseph Walker, President. —
Colo. David Humphrey, Vice President. —
Colo. John Mix, Secretary. —
Nathan Beers Esqr. Treasurer. —
Colo. Ezekiel P. Belden Assist. Secretary. —
Genl. Solomon Cowles Assist. Treasurer. —

The gentlemen hereafter named were appointed Committees within and for the several Counties where they respectively reside, to receive and communicate the applications of necessitous persons who have a claim on

the charity of the Society, to the next annual meeting, viz,

Hartford County — Majr. G. Curtis, Colo. E. P. Belden.
N. Haven — do — Capt. P. Alling, Majr. Munson.
N. London — do. — Genl. E. Huntington, Colo. — Pell
Fairfield — do — Capt. L. Hubbell, Genl. J. King.
Windham — do. Colo. P. Grosvenor, Genl. M. Cleveland
Litchfield — do. Genl. D. Smith, Colo. E. Kirby.
Middlesex — do. E. Hubbard Esqr., Genl. J. Wilcox
Tolland — do. Genl. E. Chapman, Colo. Buel.

Sundry applications we made for relief in behalf of indigent members their widows and orphans, and for whose benefit the following sums were granted, viz, To Capt. Heath — $30 } paid to A. Keyes Esqr.
To Lieut. Miller — 20 }
To Capt. Riley — 30 } do. to Colo. Belden
To Widow of Doct. Higgins — 20 }
To Widow of Majr. Leavenworth — 10 — do. N. Beers Esqr
To Widow of Capt. P. Hayl — 30 do. J. Davenport
To Lieut. Robinson — 30 — do. Genl. Cleveland
To Capt. Stanton — 30. do. Colo. Kirby.
To Rev. S. Mills — 20 — do. Genl. Wilcox.
To Colo. Johnson — 30 — do. E. Hubbard Esqr

$250

The payment of all which sums to be made by the Treasurer agreeably to regulations heretofore adopted by the Society, and to the persons hereby appointed to receive the same in trust, for the relief of those for whose benefit the grants are severally made. ——

The Committee of Claims Reported, that Rev. John Sherman is the eldest son of Lieut John Sherman decs.; that Mr. Elijah Humphrey is the eldest son of Capt. Elijah Humphrey decs.; — and that Mr. Thaddeus Peeler is the eldest son of Lieut Thaddeus Peeler decs., and that they are all entitled to the right of membership as successors of their decs. fathers; — Whereupon Voted, that said Report be accepted, and that the names of those gentlemen be entered on the books of the Society as members thereof. ——

Voted, that the Secretary and Treasurer be appointed a Committee to examine all the documents in their hands respectively, to find what persons who are supposed to be members of this Society, have made the requisite deposits, and Report. —

Voted, — that Colo. Humphreys, Kirby and Mix be a Committee to petition the General Assembly (if they shall expedient) to grant an act of incorporation so far only as will be necessary to secure the funds of the Society, for the purposes for which they were originally designed by the donors. —

Voted, — that Messrs. Stilwill, Allyng, and F. Daggett Jr. be a Committee to audit and adjust the accounts of the Treasurer up to the 4th. day of July next, & Report. —

Voted, — that the expence of the day be paid from the funds, — and that Messrs. Stilwill and Allyng be a Committee to liquidate the bills and draw on the Treas. for amount. —

The meeting was dissolved,

A true entry,

Test John Mix Secretary

At a meeting of the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati at the City of Hartford on the 4th. day of July A.D. 1804, being the 29th. year of the independance of the United States of America; —— present the officers of the Society and about forty five members. ——

The Society having convened in the Court house, Voted to dispense with reading the declaration of independance on this occasion; and moved in procession to the North presbetirian Church, where the public exercises of the day were introduced by a pertinent and well adapted prayer by the Rev. Doct Perkins; — two orations were spoken, — one by Junius Smith Esqr; — and one by Col. David Humphreys, Vice President; — sundry select pieces of sacred music were performed by the ladies and gentlemen of the City, highly to the entertainment of the Society and audience; at the close of the public exercises, the Society returned in like order of procession to the Court house, and proceeded to transact the annual business. —— The doings of the last meeting were read. — Capt. Morris and Genl. Wilcox were appointed a Committee to examine the pretensions of any that may claim a Right of membership, and Report. ——

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting to audit and adjust the Treasurer's accounts, made their Report, which was read, accepted, and is as follows, viz, —

Estimate of the Funds of the Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati July 2. 1804. —

Six per Cents — — — — —	9548 „ 97 —
Six per Cents, — deferred, — — —	3118 „ 36 —
Three per Cents — — — —	1843 - 91 —
6 Dollars —	14,511 „ 24

2 Final settlement Certificates — 18 67/90

N. B. There is also purchased but not transferred 6 ℔ Cent and 3 ℔ Cent Stock to the amt. of $702.12½ — Specie. —

New Haven July 2. 1804. —

Errors excepted,

℔ Nathan Burr. —

It appears that the above statement is correct. —

Stephen Ailing
Elias Hilwell } Committee

New Haven July 2. 1804. —

50 Dr. the Connecticut State Society of the Cincinnati in Cash

1803. July 6th	To paid Ralph Isaacs for dinner &c		1	75
	To do. Thomas Green & Son for printing Loan &c		1	50
	To do. Isaac Burr & Co. for Stationary		1	20
	To John Clarke for his attendance		1	
Sept. 13th	To Rev. Samuel Mills his grant		20	
15th	To William Stanton do		30	
Oct. 19th	To Col. Jonathan Johnson do		30	
28th	To Capt. Riley Heath do		30	
	To Charles Miller do		20	
Nov. 4th	To John Riley do		30	
	To Widow Anne Higgins do		20	
1804 March 11th	To Com. of one Cent paid P. W. Gallaudet for receiving interest &c. at the Loan office Hartford on $1068.71		10	68
16th	To paid Widow Leavenworth		10	
	To postage on sundry letters			50
	To 6 Cents dft. $744 equal to $695.16 purch. @ 93⅓ p Cent		650	
	To 3 p Cents, $93.30 do. @ 10/6		52	12½
	To Grant due Widow of Capt Samuel Hoyt		30	
	To do do. Elias Robinson		30	
July 2.	To balance due the Society		177	95½
			1319	96

New Haven 2. July 1804.

acct. with Nathan Beers

1803 July	By balance due on former acct	251	25
	By one quarters interest to 1st of July	203	84
Oct. 13th	By - 1 - do - do	203	84
1804 Jan. 9	By - 1 - do - do	457	19
Apl. 11th	By - 1 - do - do	203	84
		$ 1319.	96

Errors excepted,
Nathan Beers.

We the subscribers appointed to audit the acct of Nathan Beers Treasurer of the Connecticut Society of Cincinnati for the year past, have examined the charges with his vouchers and credits, and find the above balance of one hundred seventy seven dollars ninety five and a half cents in favour of the Society

New Haven Ct. July 1804. — Stephen Alling
Elias Stilwell } Committee

The Society proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, and after the ballots had been duly taken, the following gentlemen were declared to be elected to the several offices as affixed to their names respectively, viz,

Genr.l Joseph Walker, President. —

Colo. David Humphreys, Vice President. —

Colo. John Mix, Secretary. —

Nathan Beers Esqr. Treasurer. —

Colo. Ezekiel P. Belden, Aft. Secretary. —

Genr.l Solomon Cowles, Aft.d Treasurer. —

The Committee which was appointed at the last meeting to petition the Legislature of this State for an act of incorpo=
=ration of the Society so far as would be necessary to give security to the funds, Reported, that they had made the application directed, in October last, that their petition was granted in the House of Representatives by a handsome majority, but was negatived in the Upper House; and that there now remained no prospect of succefs. — Which report was accepted. —

Sundry applications were made for relief in behalf of indigent members, their widows, and orphans, for whose benefit

the following sums were granted, viz,

To the Widow of Capt. John Riley — 20	} to be paid Col°. Belden —	
To — d°. — Doct°. Riggins — 20		
To Capt. Peleg Heath — — — — 40	} d°. Amasa Keyes Esq°. —	
To Lieut. Charles Miller — — — 30		
To Widow Leavenworth — — — — 10	d°. H. Burr Esq°. —	
To Lieut. Frederick Whiting — — 30	d°. — Col°. Starr. —	
To Capt. Stanton — — — — — 30	d°. — Col°. Talmadge —	
To Rev. Samuel Mills — — — — 40	d°. — H. Burr Esq°. —	
To Col°. Johnson — — — — — 30	} d°. E. Hubbard Esq°. —	
To Lieut. Col°. Hubbard — — — 30		
To Porter Walbridge — — — — 30	d°. Col°. Buell. —	

Total — $310

A motion was made and seconded for the dissolution of the society; — after a lengthy and critical discussion of the subject; the previous question was moved and taken; — Voted in the affirmative; — after which the following was passed, viz; — The members of the Society having at its institution been actuated by the purest principles of friendship for each other, and being desirous of perpetuating that friendship and affection, which had been formed in the hour of common danger, and in many instances cemented by ~~the blood~~ of their blood, did not expect that their fellow citizens to whom the members of this Society had given so many proofs of their virtue

and patriotism) would have suffered their jealousy to
have arisen, and without a cause, oppose a class of men to
whom they were under so great obligations: but the
members with infinite pain and mortification,
having seen the opposition made to the Society
which opposition has exposed and endangered their
funds; funds to which they fondly looked to assuage,
if not entirely relieve their misfortunes and those of their
descendants; —— realizing no hopes of eradicating those
jealousies that exist, and obtaining an act of incorpo=
=ration whereby their funds may be securely loaned
and applied agreably to their original intentions; —
with the same purity of heart and intention which actuated
the members of this Society at its institution, and a willingness
to remove every cause of offence from the breasts of their
fellow citizens, do hereby —— Resolve, — that the Connecticut
State Society, shall this 4th. day of July 1804 be dissolved,
and that each original member his legal heirs or
representatives, shall be entitled to receive his proportion
of the funds of the Society, in equal proportion to the sums by them

respectively paid in, as soon as the same can be ascertained by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose. ——

Resolved, —— that Joseph Walker, John Mix, and Nathan Burr Esquires be a Committee to make out a schedule of of the original members, the sums which they have respectively paid, and the amount which they are respectively entitled to receive. ——

Resolved, —— that said Committee be authorized and directed to make sale of the Stock standing in the name of the Society for cash, and that they deposit the avails thereof in the Hartford bank with all the other monies or effects belonging to said Society, by the first wednesday in January next, in the name of said Committee, subject to the direction of the Society or a majority of the members thereof present, who convene for the purpose aforesaid, and as herein after directed.

Resolved, —— that on the first wednesday in Feb.ʳʸ next, a meeting of the persons now composing this Society shall be held at Hartford, for the purpose of hearing the Report of the Committe and distributing the funds, and no other business respecting the Society or its dissolution shall be transacted. ——

Resolved, —— that all money belonging to this Society not paid to the members by the 10.th day of May next, shall be by said Committee placed in the treasury of Yale College in trust as a place of safe deposit for the members or their legal representatives, provided the

Corporation of Yale College shall authorize and direct their Treasurer to receive the same, and execute his bond to Joseph Walker, John Mix, and Nathan Beers Esquires and their heirs, that the several persons to whom said moneys are due (as by list or schedule thereto annexed) shall receive on regular on regular application the sums to which they are respectively entitled, which list or schedule shall be signed by Joseph Walker John Mix, and Nathan Beers Esquires. ——

Resolved, — That the meeting of the members of this Society on the first wednesday of Febr.y next shall be advertised by John Mix Esq.r, in the Connecticut Courant and Connecticut Journal six weeks previous to the time of meeting; and the votes respecting the dissolution be published at the same time. ——

Resolved; — that if the Corporation of Yale College shall not comply with the terms prescribed by the preceding Resolve for receiving and safe keeping such moneys as shall be put into their treasury, and under the terms and limitations aforesaid, that Joseph Walker, John Mix, and Nathan Beers Esq.rs be directed to find some suitable place for the purpose aforesaid, and lodge the same in trust, as directed if received by the Corporation of Yale College. ——

Resolved, — that one hundred and fifty dollars be reserved by the Committee before an apportionment takes place, for paying said Committee, and defraying the expences of the day on the first wednesday in Febr.y next, and if that sum is insufficient, the residue shall be taxed on the individuals present; and if any surplus remains, it shall be by said Committee paid to Peleg Heath as a gratuity. ——

Voted, — that the evidence this day exhibited to the Society by Capt. George Starr, shall be considered as full proof that he has made the requisite deposit of a months pay. ——

Voted, — that Col.o Benj.a Tallmadge, and Mr. Nathan Beers be appointed a Committee to present the thanks of this Society to Col.o David Humphreys and Junius Smith Esq.r for their orations delivered this day, and to request copies of them respectively for publication. ——

Voted, — that the treasurer be directed to procure three hundred copies of each of the orations this day delivered before the Society for the use of the members. ——

Voted, — that the expences of this day, — or any expence that may arise in consequence of any vote this day passed, be paid by the treasurer previous to any apportionment. —

Voted, That Col.s Mix and Belden be appointed a Committe to liquidate the bill for the dining expences &c. of the day, and draw on the Treasurer for amount. —

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~~Lafayette Mix Secry.~~ —

Voted, That all the books, papers and other documents of the Society be deposited in the hands of John Mix Esq.r for safe keeping. —

A true entry of the proceedings of the Society July 4.th 1804.

John Mix Secry. —